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NEW YORK.

A Word About Stokes, Foster, and Other Tombs Inmates

Speculations Concerning Gould's Object in Retiring from the Erie Directory.

Mayor Hall Delivers His Valedictory to the Lotus Club.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE UNHUNG.

The luxuriant colony of murderers confined in the Tombs is tranquil, and the feeling accurse. One of them, named McNevins, who was to have been hanged, went to Sing Sing yesterday, his sentence having been modified to sixteen months' imprisonment, his lawyer having saved him by harping on the fact that the man he killed was a rowdy. Foster, the car-hook murderer, was to have mounted the scaffold next Friday, but his lawyers and the New York *Tribune* stood it off by calling attention to the statute implying that when a man hits another over the head with a heavy iron implement he may mean it only as a reprimand, and harbor no murderous design. After assisting to get Foster another delay, the *Tribune* now deprecates the tendency of the death penalty to prevent any punishment for capital crime. Foster refuses to communicate with reporters except to express gratitude for the last respite. His keepers say he is docile and repentant. Stokes assumes to be innocent of crime and irritated at the delay, asserting that the public will be astonished at his side of the story. Sometimes he speaks of Fisk regretfully, and again in a spirit of ridicule. He says Fisk was a better man than Jay Gould, and alleges that Gould was the prime mover in his persecution, desiring to keep him perpetually in prison to prevent damaging disclosures. Stokes protests that he is not yet a convict, and is indignant that he should be debarred from walking in the prison yard. Miss Mansfield has not corresponded with him since he entered the Tombs. Though one of the colony went to Sing Sing two stepped in to fill his place. One of these is a young laborer named George Lavery, who, in a recent combat of roughs with the police, saw his brother, William Lavery, struggling with Detective Lambrecht. George ran up and hurled a piece of marble about the size of a brick at the detective's head, inflicting fatal injuries. When Lavery was on his way to the Tombs yesterday a brother of the late detective Lambrecht accosted Lavery on life, exhibiting a pistol, but was removed by his friends. The other man in Murderer's Row is Carl Vogt, the alleged murderer and robber of the Belgian Count Blanca. Vogt is about 35, tall, dark hair, light eyes, and has little appearance of an assassin or burglar. He absolutely refuses to speak of his past history beyond alleging that the stolen bonds found in his possession were bought by him from a German in London. The case awaits testimony from Belgium.

JAY GOULD'S RESIGNATION

from the Board of Directors of Erie Railroad has been received with much distrust by the present Directors, as Gould refuses to give any explanation. It is asserted that Gould has retired from the Board merely to be enabled to renew the fight and engage in it until the end. Gould's resignation in Wall street is regarded with disfavor. It is well known that a certain operator was busily engaged in buying up stock two days before the eruption took place, and that he realized a considerable sum. Fully twelve millions of stock is under the control of Gould, but of which is his private property. Many suspect that his pacific resignation was a ruse, and having bulled Erie as far as he desired, is now bent on mischief. Some of the Wall street capitalists assert that counting Erie's leases and the guarantees of the Hartford and Erie bonds, and the stock of the Lake Shore Canal Company bonds, the liabilities of Erie really amount to $143,000,000. Both contestants were busy speculating in Erie yesterday, and England is going on so strong that the London quotation hereafter may control stock.

THE LOTUS CLUB.

The annual meeting and election of the Lotus Club was held last evening. Mayor Hall, the retiring President, presided. In opening he hagged a little indulgence, and proceeded to congratulate the members on the great success of the club. He believed a club should be run as an oligarchy, and, though not a man to talk of rings, as he had been ruined by a ring, the best way to do, he believed, was to form a ring first which should control the institution, and this he remainder be made up of grave men. Hereafter he would be content to aid in growling. Stebbins and John Brougham were made President and Vice President.

PERSONAL.

Josie Coates, who was so badly burned on the stage at Newark, by her dress taking fire during the representation of Leger's allegory, will recover.

DRIFT OF POLITICAL SENTIMENT.

The *Sun's* letter from Albany to-night says many Republicans here, discontented with the Administration, are lending their countenance to the Cincinnati Convention, and arrangements are in progress to insure a full attendance at the gathering. There is not a representative man among the Democrats in the Legislature who is in favor of a straight-out nomination. The New Hampshire election settles that. The idea is that a Republican should be agreed on who will make inroads on the Grant organization and at the same time can be cheerfully supported by Democrats. Many discreet politicians are in favor of Greeley, saying that he would probably draw off more honest, sincere Republicans than any other man.

THE WILL

of the late actor, James H. Hackett, is a remarkable document. He directs that he be buried at Jamaica, L. I., between the remains of his mother and his first wife. On the monument he desires the following, from Shakespeare, to be cut:

The great globe itself,
Yea, all which it inherits, shall dissolve.

He leaves an annuity to the support of an insane sister of his first wife. The will then proceeds to make his own infant son chief heir, stating that said infant was born Sept. 9, 1869, in Wolf's Island, Canada West, and begotten in New York at 107 East Thirty-fifth street. His bequest to his widow is on conditions that she remain unmarried. His son, Recorder John K. Hackett, is appointed one of the executors. His silver plate goes to a daughter of a deceased son; gold watch and other mementoes to his infant son.

(To the Associated Press.)

THE SOUTHERN IMPROVEMENT MONOPOLY.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The Committee of the New York Petroleum Association has returned from the oil regions, and report that the producers are in earnest in opposing the attempted monopoly of the Southern Improvement Company, and each District Committee, of which there are sixteen, refuses to furnish oil to that concern, even a contract having been broken in one case by the producer. The producers can, it is claimed, hold out four months, but need more assistance from the refiners, who can add security the oil in tanks, which is secured by insurance and guaranteed against leaking. The object of the Southern Improvement Company is said to be to sustain the Cleveland refineries and control the market by raising the freight charges on all producers not willing to the monopoly. They already begin to feel the opposition, as oil has been coming here for several days, which they refer to interior wells, owing to the strong feeling in the oil regions. It is quite possible that the Company will be ordered to close up its tanks and leave the oil regions altogether. During the present combat work is dull, and thousands of workmen are idle.

ERIE

It is stated that fully $13,000,000 Erie stock is now under control of Jay Gould, half of it his private property. It is rumored that he has retired from the Board merely to be enabled to renew the fight.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and New Jersey Central Railroads have made consolidation of interests under which equal dividends will be paid on the stock of both lines. The ordinary business will be conducted as heretofore, subject to the general control of the Joint Committees.

SPEED OF RAILROAD TRAINS.

A resolution will be offered in the Board of Aldermen, to-morrow, restricting the speed of the railroad trains on Fourth avenue, below Harlem River, to five miles per hour.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

It is announced that a *Herald* North Carolina correspondent has been captured by the Lowery gang who say they will not hurt him, but will keep him a week.

NOT DEAD.

Bass Strongin not dead.

THE BARNARD INVESTIGATION.

In the Barnard investigation, yesterday, Geo. Fowler testified to having visited the Judge Aug. 6, 1869, in company with Mr. Sterling, of the firm of Field & Shearman, at a house in West Twenty-third street, owned by Jas. Fisk, and occupied in part as real estate office by Mr. Ford, and that, after a brief interview, Barnard drew an order appointing Fisk and Damier Receivers of the Albany & Susquehanna Railroad. United States Commissioner Davenport testified to the release of a number of criminals from the Penitentiary, without giving bonds, upon a *habeas corpus* issued by Barnard.

The Judge addressed the Investigating Committee, saying he was prepared to admit all the Bar Association is endeavoring to prove relative to these prisoners, and as the proper time to justify that and all other official acts.

TILDEN.

Samuel J. Tilden stated to a reporter last evening that his only business transaction, direct or indirect, with Jay Gould or the Erie Company, was his appointment as arbitrator between that Company and the Cleveland & Pittsburg Railroad, which position he held a year, and performed what he understood, and for which he was paid by the latter Company $10,000.

MORE FROM COLLECTOR ARTHUR.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Collector Arthur, in a letter to agents of the different steamship lines, says that the representations made to them that he would be crucified if certain warehouses were designated, are entirely without his knowledge or approval.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, March 17.—The London *Observer* states that, at a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday, the American reply to Earl Granville's note was read and discussed. It produced a favorable impression, and was regarded as furnishing an opening for further arbitration on the basis of arrangement provided by the Treaty of Washington.

A meeting will be held to-morrow night in this city, at St. George's Hall, to commemorate the anniversary of the Communist uprising in Paris.

A coal train ran off the track yesterday near Cardiff. A railway guard was killed, thirty cars wrecked, and a cottage near the track demolished.

DUBLIN, March 17.—St. Patrick's anniversary was celebrated throughout Ireland to-day. No disturbances were reported. At Drogheda there was a great open air celebration at which speeches were made denouncing home rule, and denouncing the Government for refusing pardon to the Fenian prisoners.

FRANCE.

PARIS, March 17.—A compromise has been effected between Thiers and the Budget Committee on the war estimates, which are reduced to 15,000,000 francs.

Pere Jungina, a priest of Bordeaux, having been prosecuted for writings pronounced by his superiors to be against religion, has addressed a letter to Monseigneur Donnet, Cardinal Archbishop of Bordeaux, in defence of his orthodoxy. He declares that those who accept the doctrine of Papal infallibility no longer belong to the true Church, and maintains that the only other priests who reject that doctrine are depositories of the traditions of the primitive Universal Church. Pere Jungina is organizing a committee of action, corresponding with similar committees in France and Germany, and says he intends to make a direct appeal to the people of Bordeaux.

ITALY.

ROME, March 17.—The demonstration in honor of the memory of Joseph Mazzini, took place to-day, and was a great success. An immense procession, including all the workingmen's societies, with banners, flags and bands of music, carried a bust of the deceased patriot through the principal streets to the Capitol, where it was placed with imposing ceremonies and eulogistic speeches. Good order was maintained throughout the proceedings.

POLITICAL.

The Cincinnati Convention.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—Senator Tipton, of Nebraska, arrived here last night to consult with the leaders of the Liberal movement in regard to the May Convention. In an interview with a reporter he named Garfield, of Ohio, and Davis, of Massachusetts, as leading Republican members of the House who were known to be secretly in sympathy with the anti-Grant movement in the Republican party. He says that Trumbull is the first choice for Presidency, but in the event the convention he will probably decide on Davis.

NEW YORK, March 16.—*The Prisoner's Friend*, Washington special says that Curtis has consented to attend the Cincinnati Convention, and presume over its deliberations.

A special to a Grant organ in the West says: "Senator Schuts asserted this morning that he knew Mr. Sumner would not preside at that Convention, and did not expect to take any part in it."

Horace Greeley, in an editorial on the Cincinnati Convention, says that if free trade is to be made a plank in the platform, he asks to be counted out. All he asks is that there be left a freedom to all classes on economical questions.

CINCINNATI, March 18.—The *Times and Chronicle*, this morning, publishes a denial, which it says is upon authority of Senator Sumner, to the effect that he has neither consented nor been asked to preside over the Cincinnati Convention, and that when he expresses opinions, he will decline to do anything of the kind.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Inquiry having been made of Senator Trumbull by a few friends here and Garfield in respect to the Cincinnati Convention, it is ascertained that Mr. Dawes, to-day, said to a friend that while he had no objection to act cordially with the minority Republicans in the Senate, the course of the majority toward them concerning the investigation of alleged abuses had driven him his personal sympathy.

Garfield said that, while not aware that he had said anything that could be construed into hostility towards General Grant, he, like Mr. Dawes, had been always in favor of an investigation of charges against public officers.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—*The Times and Chronicle*, in an interview with Senator Tipton, of Nebraska, makes that Senator express the belief that Davis will be the nominee of the Cincinnati Convention in May; also, a preference for Trumbull. The Senator is represented as saying that Chief Justice Mason and Governor Butler, of Nebraska, are in sympathy with this Convention, that Senator Logan is counted on, and that positive assurances have been received that Voorhees and Hendricks, of Indiana, will cooperate with and support the movement. He says, further, that there are assurances of large colored delegations from the South. The Senator left to-day for Omaha. He received quite a number of calls while here.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The *Evening Post* editorially says: the name of Sumner will give character to the Cincinnati Convention, and it trusts the meeting in that city will be the most influential popular gathering of the year, and that its course will be such as to determine the success of the Republican party.

Indignation Among Colored Republicans at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 16.—The *Picayune* says: "The news of the appointment of Wm. G. Fargeau Surveyor of Customs, Longstreet has fallen like a bombshell among the ranks of the colored Republicans here. Senator Ingraham and Representative Burch and Lott have gone to Washington to protest against the imposition of another carpet-bagger upon Louisiana. The feeling among colored Republicans at this appointment is said to be the more bitter because they have been led to believe that the corrupt influences which made the late gubernatorial contest a defunct, and had slouched off from the bone of contention ironically known as the State of Louisiana. The selection of Parker is flagrantly carpet-baggish in its character. It is a reproach to the State that a man of his family in Lowell, Mass.; that his residence in New Orleans has been little more than nominal, and that since the 1st of June of 1870 he has still a few weeks ago, put in an appearance in his so-called adopted home."

Meeting of the Massachusetts Central Republican Committee.

BOSTON, March 16.—The Massachusetts State Central Committee to-day fixed upon Fitchburg and Worcester as the time and place for holding the State Convention, to choose delegates to the National Convention at Philadelphia. It was voted to invite Senator Wilson to preside.

Municipal Election at Erie, Pa.

ERIE, Pa., March 16.—Charles M. Reed, son of the late General Charles M. Reed, was elected Mayor of this city yesterday, without opposition Mr. Reed is the representative of an estate of several millions, and pledges himself to use his influence and means to facilitate direct railroad communication to the oil and coal regions, and to develop the manufacturing interests of the city. The anti-ring tickets in the several wards were elected by large majorities.

San Francisco Opposition to the Proposed Yerba Buena Land Grant.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—A meeting of the opposition to the cession of Yerba Buena Island to the railroad, last evening, though called at ten hours' notice, represented the bulk of the capital, business, and enterprise of San Francisco. James Otis was presiding, with 130 Vice-Presidents, comprising the leading bankers, merchants, shippers, business men, and taxpayers of the city, regardless of politics. The meeting adopted, with great applause, states that the resolutions on the subject adopted by the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors, set forth the real sentiments of the people of San Francisco, that the conclusions set forth in the resolutions are indorsed by the best civil and military engineers of this coast, and were proclaimed by the late General Thomas; also the Harbor Commissioners of the Bay of San Francisco; that the proposed grant would enable the company to build up a city equal to San Francisco in importance, and wholly independent of it, to the ruin of the city, already containing 150,000 people, and three hundred millions of property; further, the reports of the probability of the grant being effected had already depressed real estate to such an extent that it can only be sold at a ruinous sacrifice, and that what has been done in Congress already is through the perversion of the facts and treachery on the part of the California delegation. The final resolution was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That if the Senate should pass the bill for the cession of any portion of Goat Island to the Railroad Company, we earnestly desire the President of the United States to veto it.

War Against a Pennsylvania Monopoly.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—A large meeting of oil producers, brokers, and capitalists was held this afternoon, to adopt means to frustrate the scheme of the Southern Improvement Company. It is proposed to divide the Pennsylvania fields into sixteen districts, the owners of which are to unite under a charter for protection, and all crude material to pass into the hands of and be sold by the organization, the capital to be $1,000,000.

War Department—Weather Prognostics.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The barometer will rise over the Southern, Middle and New England states, with northerly to westerly winds, generally clear and pleasant weather on Monday. A falling barometer will prevail during to-night and on Monday over the Northwest. With rising temperature and winds backing to southerly will probably extending eastward over upper Lake region.

WASHINGTON.

The Ways and Means Committee and the Tariff Bill.

Treaty Propositions Made by the Japanese Embassy.

The Chicago Relief Bill to Come Up To-Day.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—Governor Ito, of the Japanese Embassy, will leave here for Japan next Tuesday, on important diplomatic business connected with the presence of the mission here. If Ito should be successful in securing proper instructions from the Emperor, a most liberal treaty will be made between Japan and the United States.

THE ARMS INVESTIGATION.

The House Committee on the sale of French arms has practically concluded its investigation, and will examine no more witnesses. General Dyer is the only officer whose testimony they desire in order to make their review of facts complete, but the evidence of Colonel Benet and General Dyer's own examination by the Senate Committee will supply the deficiency. The Senate Committee will to-morrow examine Colonel Squire, of the Remington firm, and through whom most of the purchases for that concern were made.

BEASTLY CONDUCT.

Chas. W. Butts, a lawyer here, who has lately been engaged as counsel in the Bowen and Delarge contested election cases from South Carolina, was arrested to-day on complaint of the public school officials, who charge him with a deliberate and systematic attempt to debauch young school girls from 10 to 14 years of age. The school officers have been taking testimony for some days, and claim to have the most conclusive evidence of Butts' guilt.

THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL

will undoubtedly come up to-morrow, and all the indications to-night are that it will probably pass if discussion can be avoided and a vote reached. It is understood, however, that both Carpenter and Howe wish to make speeches, and Chandler and Ferry will endeavor to get up a debate through amendments to the bill.

KU-KLUX CASES.

The South Carolina Ku-Klux appeals from Judge Bond's Court are to commence their hearing on Tuesday in the Supreme Court. The Attorney General appears for the Government, assisted by District Attorney Corbin, and Reverdy Johnson and Mr. Stanberry for the appellants.

MINISTER CURTIN.

It is understood that Minister Curtin has been granted permission to return from St. Petersburg to this country. It is stated that his return will have reference to services to be rendered the Administration in Pennsylvania politics.

(To the Associated Press.)

THE CUSTOM HOUSE RESIGNATION.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Six or seven additional witnesses have been summoned from New York and Boston before the Custom House Committee. None of the testimony has yet been officially printed, but the Committee yesterday passed a resolution with that view.

KU-KLUX TESTIMONY.

It appeared from what the foreman of the Government Printing Office said to the Committee, that the Ku-Klux testimony occupies a large number of compositors and clerks of the Kuhnes, Pilgrim & Gunnison Co. The amount of enlargement that extends three or four inches above the knee. The horse is 7 years old; has been worked two years; since he was 5 years old shown any sign of lameness from his diseased leg. What is it? Will it ever harm him? What can be done for it?

D. STANSFIELD.

Answer to D. Stansfield, Murraysville, Ill.—The "hard knot," probably, is an exostosis,—that is, an osseous tumor,—either on the lower end of the radius, that long bone between the knee and the elbow-joint, or on one of the small bones which constitute the carpus or fore-knee. As long as the morbid deposit is confined to the external surface of the bone or bones, the horse, very likely, will not be lame. If, however, the same should spread to the articular surface lameness will be the result. The soft enlargement extending three or four inches above the knee is a so-called "tendon windgall;" that is a morbid distension of the sheath of one of the extensor-tendons in front of the fore-leg. Such a gall, generally, causes no lameness either, provided the causes—extremely hard labor and severe exercises—are not continued. As to a treatment, it is very doubtful whether an application of medicines will do much good. Iodine preparations, for instance,—one part of tincture of iodine to two parts of tincture of cantharides,—rubbed in once every other day; or an ointment of binoxide of mercury and lard (1:16), applied once every three or four days, may be tried.

CURB.

BUCHINGHAM, Tuma Co., Ia., March 11.

VETERINARIAN—SIR: I have a mare 5 years old, that has lately had a Curb come upon her hind leg. Will you give me the name of some thing that will take the Curb off, and not injure the leg? The Curb appears to be hard. Such information will be most thankfully received by

A READER OF THE TRIBUNE.

Answer to a Reader of THE TRIBUNE, *Buckingham, Iowa.*—Curb is a blemish, which has its seat in the tendons and ligaments on the posterior surface of the hock-joint, and consists of swelling, produced by a more or less chronic inflammation of those tendons and ligaments. The next or immediate cause of that inflammation and swelling, is a straining or overburdening of those tendons and ligaments; hence, Curb is found almost exclusively in horses with rather crooked hock-joints, and also more frequently in young animals, all the fibres and textures, but especially the muscles, the tendons and ligaments, are less firm and solid than in older animals.

As to the causes, we have to discriminate between predisposing causes and exciting causes. The former have to be found in a sufficient firmness of fibre, but especially in a defective formation, or shape of the tarsus or hock: or, to be more precise, to too much angle in that joint, which, of course, will throw too much weight upon the tendons and ligaments on its posterior surface. The exciting causes consist in too severe exertions, in general, and in too much weight thrown upon the hind part; consequently, curb in front may be caused by pulling heavy loads up hill, by galloping under the saddle, etc., provided the formation of the hock joint is not a very good one, so as to distribute the weight proportionately upon the bones and fibrous tissues.

Curb, however, is easily prevented,—first, by giving nutritious food in sufficient quantities to your horses when colts, especially during the first and second winters, so that the large and very important muscles extending from the hip-bone to the hind knee, or stifle-joint, may gain early sufficient strength and firmness in order to draw up the knee-joint to its proper place, and to diminish, in that way, the angle in the hock-joint, the hock-joint,—that is, to straighten the same, and to relieve the tendons and ligaments on its posterior surface. Secondly, by demanding not more and no harder work of our horses than they are able to do.

As to a treatment, the same cannot be of any avail unless the horse can have perfect rest till inflammation and swelling have disappeared. The medical treatment has to consist in the application of a counter-irritant on the skin covering the swelled part. Any blister that leaves no blemishes behind, that does not degenerate the skin, or destroy the roots or change the color of the hair, may be used for that purpose. I would recommend either the "cream cantharides" or one part of Spanish flies boiled for about half an hour with four parts of olive oil, or an ointment of binoxide of mercury and lard (1:16). Either preparation may be applied about twice a week till the swelling has disappeared.

NECROSIS IN THE TAIL OF NEAT-CATTLE.

G. W. M., Belvidere, Boone County, Iowa, inquirers about "Horn Ail," but describes a case of Necrosis in the caudal appendix of a cow. I must confess I do not know of any disease by the name of "Horn Ail," but presume that "Horn Ail," like "Hollow Horn," and a score of other obscure names, is applied by some farmers to almost any disease of horned animals, which they are not able to diagnosticate. Necrosis in the caudal vertebra is generally cured in the beginning, when it is yet a mere inflammation in the periosteum (the fibrous membrane coating the bones), by making a longitudinal c t through the skin clear to the bones, and so cauterizing the latter, as far as the disease extends, by means of carbolic acid, creosote, or similar substances. Afterwards, however, when the disease has developed itself to Necrosis, there is no remedy but amputating the tail just as high as it is diseased. The bleeding is easily stopped by means of a red-hot iron.

VETERINARIAN.

THE APIARY.

Hive-Cleaning in the Spring.—Dysentery Among the Bees.—The Probable Cause and Cure.

From Our Own Correspondent.

RURAL HOME, Ill., March 16.

It is especially necessary this spring that the hives should be thoroughly cleaned. I do not mean that they should undergo such a series of scrubbings and airings as some over-nice housekeepers would inflict on their home, but the dead bees and debris should be removed from the hive.

As I have before stated, the number of dead bees has been unusually large this winter; therefore the atmosphere of nearly every hive is very impure from the presence of decaying bees. These moderately warm days are very favorable to the cleaning of hives and examining of swarms. Even the most timid of bee-keepers may perform operations at this time with little fear of the insects, as they are now very docile. It is hardly necessary to dose them with rotten-wood smoke. They should not be handled on too cold a day, as the brood in the combs is easily chilled. But all bee-keepers who are anxious to have a prosperous season should not long delay the hive-cleaning business, as in this way they will assist the bees in gaining a healthy condition, which is very essential to the prosperity of a swarm. The most effectual way of examining a colony, and at the same time giving them a clean, sweet home, is to remove them from the hive they have wintered in, to one that has been made ready for them. For the benefit of new beginners to whom these letters are especially dedicated,—I will give particular directions for this simple

TRANSFER OF SWARMS.

Place your clean hive in close proximity to the old one. Raise each frame carefully in succession, and, if there are dead bees clinging to them, brush them off lightly with a wing. As fast as examined, place each frame in the clean hive, the entrance of which is closed before the transfer is commenced. Should the colony be destitute of a queen, which is sometimes the case at this time of year, it had best be united with another swarm having a queen. Now take the hive which the bees have inhabited during the winter, and prepare it for the reception of another colony. Use brush and knife freely in the cleaning process, but do not wash it with water or sprinkle it with any fragrant essences in the belief that it will thereby be rendered more attractive to the little insects. Honey is the only odor they care to have in their homes.

I would advise this thorough cleansing of the hives in the spring and fall, but some bee-keepers may consider it unnecessary in the spring and of too much trouble. Those who have the time or inclination for transferring their swarms to hives will, I hope, at least clean the bottom boards.

Those hives having movable bottom-boards are very easily cleaned, which, however, is the only thing in the favor of movable bottom-boards. For the moth-worms find little difficulty in entering hives in which these are used. From other hives we remove the entrance-blocks, drive the bees up among the combs with smoke, and then run in a stove-scraper, if we have nothing handier, for this purpose, and draw out the debris that has collected on the bottom-floor of the hive.

An inquiry was sent me last week concerning the disease of

DYSENTERY,

that has been so universal among the bees this winter. "What are the indications of its presence in the hive?" Extremeness of a muddy black and strong offensive odor are noticed on the bottom floor, honey-board, and entrance to the hive. The natural color of the excrements of bees is a reddish yellow. These excrements should be removed with a knife, and the condition of the bees improved by a change of food, giving them sugar syrup, etc. My correspondent further asks: "What is the cause of dysentery among bees?" This question I leave to more experienced bee-keepers, but never fully decided. The general belief is, that it is produced by sour honey,—honey that has been gathered late in the fall that is thin, and has not been sealed, and, by gathering moisture, has become sour. To remove this unsealed honey is one reason why bees should be examined in the fall, before put in winter quarters. This thin honey could be thickened by heating, and might then be used with safety for feeding the bees.

SPRING

opens slowly, and at this date the buds of the maple are not open; but only await a day or two of south wind. Bee-keepers who have wintered out doors are also getting anxious, for the winter has been long and cold, and there is unusual loss, not only in each hive, but a large number of swarms have been lost. ELLA.

PRIESTLY CLAIMS IN BAVARIA.

Some Remarkable Assumptions.

A lady travelling in Bavaria writes to a friend living near Cincinnati as follows:

There is a strife between the Catholics and the Government in Bavaria. I translate the following, copied from a Munich paper. A priest is said to have actually preached as follows, in open daylight, and in the principal church:

We, the priesthood, stand as high above the Government, the Kaiser, the King, and all Princes, as the heavens is above the earth. The priesthood is the highest of this world; we are far below the priesthood as lead below the purest gold. Angels are archangels stand far below the priesthood. Neither can forgive sins in God's stead; neither angel nor archangel is able to do this.

We stand above the Mother of God, for she has borne Christ only once; we priests, however, CREATE HIM DAILY. Yea, the priests stand above God Himself, for He is at our service, and must descend from Heaven at all times and in all places at our command in the consecration during mass. God has, indeed, with the words, "Let there be," created the world. Our priests can, with three little words, God Himself create. For this reason have men in all times, where faith and Christianity prevailed, held the priesthood in all honor. The people, yes, Kaisers and Kings, have thrown themselves down in the dust before him, and have kissed where their feet had trodden. But to day the priests are persecuted by the Government, and laws are made which threaten to imprison the zealous and faithful priests.

Last week I saw this copied from the chief Catholic paper in Munich:

There are people in the world who do not believe that the earth was created in six days. These people say that it is an impossibility, for the immense quantity of water, the mass of vegetable growth, and required millions of years for their formation. Now have not these people had time enough to unlearn their folly? Is it that God said, "Let there be light," and the darkness fled away? Where did it go? *It went into the sea-coal, and formed coal.* While it remained there, undisturbed, light ruled over the world. It was the era of the *true faith*. Since coal has been dug out of the earth, the era of *darkness has doubt* has come again over the world.

The Russian Count Again.

From the Springfield, Mass., Republican.

Mickiewicz, the Russian "Count," who created such a sensation up in Amherst, a little more than a year ago, by his romantic attempt to marry Miss Caroline Lester, the rich and beautiful niece of Professor Tyler, has been quietly stopping for some days at the Massasoit House, in this city. It will be remembered that Miss Lester was ready to wed him at that time, but her friends believing that Mickiewicz's character was not what it should be, induced a postponement of the nuptials, and that meantime the Count was to go to Europe, to obtain credentials which the declared would vindicate him from all the aspersions cast upon his good name. He went, and, it is rumored, has now returned to claim his bride. Gossip further saith that Miss Lester's affection for her Russian lover is undiminished, and that she has visited him at the Massasoit during his stay here.

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Of the Stockholders of the Highland Park Building Company will be held at the office of Hon. J. O. NORTON, 161 Wabash-av., on Monday, April 1, 1872, at 3 o'clock p. m.
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Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

OMAHA, Neb., March 12, 1872.

POLITICAL.

Since the late demonstrations in the Legislature, the State of Nebraska has been very quiet. The Supreme Court declared the session to be legal, or, in other words, that the Legislature had not been unconstitutional, whereupon the few members who were in Lincoln left for their homes in various parts of the State. A good deal of indignation was felt against them by a majority of the citizens, and their political course in future will not, it is believed, be hedged in with roses. For so young a State, Nebraska has had a most unpropitious time with its law-givers and politicians, and, unless we can have more harmony hereafter, it would be better to do away with Governors, Acting Governors, and recalcitrant Legislators altogether. The impeached and displaced Governor does not keep still. He dies hard, and seems ever ready to assist in keeping up a *furore* in the political affairs of Nebraska.

LITERARY.

There has recently been added to the literary productions of this State, a book called "Pen-Sketches of Nebraskans," which is, in truth, "home-made," or, as the Yankee people would say, "home-made." It is a singular work, and, should a copy be found on earth a hundred years hence, those who come after us will look aghast at our style of book-making. The text is queer, and so different from anything in the heavens above or the earth beneath, that it is apt to strike the beholder with astonishment. The binding is good, the printing excellent, the pictures horrible,—there it will be well enough to let the criticism cease.

Nebraska is young,—very young,—and as yet cannot be said to have produced any authors who have set the world aglow. "Nebraska Legends" is the name of another indigenous production which has been issued from the press of Omaha. It has some merits, and will serve as a starting point for the long line of posts who are to spring up hereafter on the wide prairies of this State. The first portion of it which lies near the banks of the Missouri River. One of these legends, called the "Weeping Water," is finely drawn. The author says:

The Omaha and Otoe Indians were in the habit of making their annual hunting-ground, south of the Platte River, in Nebraska. A fierce battle ensued, in which all the male warriors of both tribes being slain, the women and children came upon the battle-field and sat down and wept. From the fountain of their tears arose, and ever flows, the little stream known as Ne-hawka, or the Weeping Water." The subject is carried on through forty pages, and best it close we have this touch of pathos:

—Eat up the East
Hung, in gray, peaceful depths, the full-orbed

Utterly silent was the field of death.
So then the women, who from far had marked
The warring battle as it raged and fell,
And heard the shouts of triumph, and the moans
Of men death-stricken, fainter grow and cease,
Wearied by the long suspense, left their hiding-
stole, timid, with all orphaned youths and maids,
And infants hushed, as by a ghostly fear,
Adrown'd in the dumb Field full of mute ill death,
Searching for husbands, brothers, sons.

When all their slain had found,
And knew the light might never break again
In kindling glances from death-faded eyes,
They gathered them down through lingering, painful hours
Of the dim night, and wept.

The "Raw Hide" is a ghastly tale. "The Praise of New Lands" is refreshing, and seems to show that the author is not a bad poetic fire, if he would only let himself out. Some of his lines are halting, and seem constrained, as if they were tied up. One wishes for a little more dash, and that the poetry loose which seems ready enough, were it not held down by some untoward influence. Here is the opening verse of "The Praise of New Lands," and we shall say that it is not good, or that it has not the ring of true metal?

God bless our sturdy native land.
Its prairies broad, its mountains bare,
Its rough, cold lakes, its rivers fast,
Its pure, invigorating air!

And bless its blue, enfolding seas,
Its forests, springs, and blooming leas,
And let it be the home of men
That make this land the land it is.
And here are nurtured, here alone,
The keenest mettle, firmest will,
The keenest eye, the firmest will,
And largest power for good or ill.

So, if we cannot say much in praise of "Pen-Sketches of Nebraskans," we have a kind welcome for our "Nebraska Legends." Why should this country not bring forth a good poet? Not every man wishes to be a politician, and there are some, even, who think there is a higher aim in life than being President or Vice President of a railroad, resplendent with diamond rings, and with mood because, and the owner of ever so many fast horses and handsome carriages. Praise God! there are some men in America who cannot be corrupted, though, by your how the poetry, romance, and danger have been taken out of buffalo-hunts since the publication of the letters of General Hazen and Colonel Brackett. It needs but a short part hand to give this humbug bubble a prick, to let the wind out of it. The prick it has received, and now it is probable that Senator Wilson's Buffalo Bill will be ignored, the renowned "Buffalo Bill" entirely, as well as hundreds of unsophisticated Eastern youths who are perspiring to be on the war-path.

THE MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGE.

The great bridge across the Missouri River, between Council Bluffs and Omaha, is completed. The work has been pushed to the point for the passage of regular railroad trains. There is some earth-filling to be done at either end, and laborers are at work upon it all the time; but the bridge is a success, and reflects great credit upon its builder, T. E. Sickels, who is the Chief Engineer and Superintendent of the Union Pacific Railroad. The bridge looms up grandly against the background of the bluffs way down the river, and seems the crowning achievement of science and industry. Large accidents are almost always out of place, but this work may be truly characterized as a splendid effort of human ingenuity.

WINTER WEATHER.

Snow forever! When will this winter cease? There is such a thing as overdoing a thing, and, if there has not been enough good weather this winter, everybody is greatly mistaken. Many lives were lost during the intensely cold time, and there has been a great deal of suffering. If any body or ladies in the country deserve great credit for their efforts in behalf of the poor and be friendless, the ladies of Omaha deserve much credit. Early and late, through the good and bad seasons, they have worked faithfully, and have received the blessings of all classes of society for their disinterested kindness. Nothing but enduring humanity could cause delicate females to plod about in Omaha mud, as they have been seen to do to last fall and winter; and their tender care and kind words have fallen upon the poor, the sick, and the afflicted like the dews of heaven. It would be easy enough to give names, but refined female minds shrink from publicity.

It is to be hoped that we have had our last great snow-storm. People hereabouts were beginning to congratulate themselves that the winter had passed and the Storm King had taken his departure for hyperborean regions, when the wind shifted round and the storm came howling along like a legion of lost spirits. Ice covered everything. The trees bowed beneath their unwonted loads, until they reached the earth, and many are now low-lying which will never recover. It is a pleasant thing to think on these days perhaps, we may again have warm, sunny skies. It will be delightful when we can say, with Tennyson:

The birds exhaust melody on every bush;
The green leaves quiver with the wind,
And make a chequered shadow on the ground.

IMMIGRATION.

One cheerful sign of the times is the great number of families who are coming to settle in Nebraska this spring. It is surprising to see the great number of farms which are being opened up in this vicinity. The tide is directed in the country west of Omaha with-in a radius of twenty-five miles. As everybody knows, who knows anything about the business, the town and city, these are the things to be desired. One farm is worth a dozen rum-mills, though, singularly enough, people are apt to judge of the prosperity of a place by the number of the latter which may be seen in full blast. This is an error of judgment, and, when plenty of snug farm houses and large barns can be seen in the vicinity of a city or town, all who are interested may rest assured that such city or town is in a prosperous condition. It really does a Western man's heart good to look upon the scenes which are to be seen near Omaha; and the landscape about Fort Calhoun, fourteen miles distant, during the summer season is one of the most beautiful it is possible to conceive of. Council Bluffs and Omaha will, in a few years, form one city, which will be a credit to the nation. There can be no doubt about this matter. Those who come after us can never say that we were not able to foresee this fact, will live to see its fruition of this prediction. It is to be regretted that there are some narrow-minded souls on either side of the river.

An instance was recently cited of the rapidity with which Nebraska is being settled up. Last year at this date, it is said there was not a single settler in a certain portion of Howard County, near the Loup Fork of the Platte River. A meeting was recently held at that place, when over a hundred votes were cast, showing what has been done in one locality during a twelve-month. On Sunday last the first sermon was preached in Howard County. The principal settlement is near Cotesfield, named in honor of one of the fair daughters of Chicago, who visited that locality last summer.

THE ICE IN THE RIVER.

The south wind, on Wednesday last, loosened the ice in the Missouri River, and it began to move. Quite a number of people were on the ice, or winter, brides at the time, and they all ran for their lives. Fortunately no accident occurred, and a larger number of men were immediately set at work to remove the obstruction and take the bridge to pieces. Since then, ice has again formed, but there has been considerable difficulty in making the passage of the river. A few more days will finish the matter, and we will then have the ferry-boat running.

FLORENCE.

a somewhat decayed village above Omaha, on the river, was formerly the home of a thriving Mormon settlement. Now it looks like an old-fashioned Southern village, death-stricken years ago. It is seven miles from Omaha. On a pretentious-looking two-story brick building is a large sign, on which may be seen in faded gilt letters the words, "Bank of Florence." Many of the old people in Chicago will recollect when Florence money and Atlantic money were about the only kind of money in circulation which could be called "good." This was a long time before the days of greenbacks. It is sometimes fondly believed that Florence would be the great city of the West. It has a hotel, several stores, and quite a number of comfortable-looking dwelling-houses. It is a pity Florence money, once so crisp and handsome, is gone the way of all things, and now, perhaps, there is not a dollar of it on earth. The former Cashier, a well-to-do and much estimable citizen, has a farm near the town, and is able to enjoy himself as he may think best. These is a wide-stretching and most fertile plain between Omaha and Florence.

BURDY.

THE SUBLIME SOCIETY OF BEEF STEAKS.

The Origin of the Society—What It Was and Who Belonged to It—The Causes of Its Dissolution.

The London *Athenæum*, in a review of a work entitled "The Life and Death of the Sublime Society of Beefsteaks," by Brother Walter Arnold, which has just been published in London, gives the following interesting sketch of the society:

The title of this book gives indication of its quality, its merits, or its value. To some persons it may appear that the story of the society of Princes, Peers, Judges, statesmen, and gentlemen generally, among whom eating, drinking, high jinks, and not a little rude horseplay were rife, is not such a general or particular interest. The fact is, that if the society had not had its historian, one of the most singular chapters in London social life would have been wanting. The society had its bard in old Morris; it has now its chronicler, annalist, historian, and introducer in Brother Arnold. But for him oblivion would have enwrapped the society, and its steaks and sublimity would only have been traditions, fading away ultimately beyond the possibility of even antiquarian research.

The Sublime Society of Beefsteaks scorned the name of club. Beefsteak clubs had existed since the time oxen were first eaten. They were low brotherhoods compared with the Sublime Society. Yet the surviving members of the latter must have had reminiscences of a matter that seems to have escaped the memory of their historian, Brother Walter Arnold. The Sublime Society had a rival in the last century whose standing club was of humbler pretensions than the Society's. About 1774 Isaac Sparks, the Irish comedian, founded, in Long Acre, a Colcannon Club. It was much frequented by nobles and gentlemen who liked what, for "Colcannon," that Irish dish which, properly cooked, is a delicious mixture of cabbage and potatoes.

The Sublime Steakers, it must be understood, have no connection with any other society. They did not proceed from earlier brotherhoods, nor are they represented by any existing Beefsteak Club, like that at Cambridge. The Sublimes were born because they chose it, and they died because they could not well help it. Their life extended from 1735 to 1867. They fancy, we believe, that no club has had so long a life. But "The Drinkers of Ashes," the *Tephrapotes*, founded by the friends of Savonarola, are said to flourish still, though they are, I need hardly be remarked, not a genial set of people.

We accept Brother Arnold's statement that the greatest of harlequins, John Rich, founded the Sublime Society in 1735. Lambert, his scene-painter at Covent Garden, was his coadjutor. Out of idle visitors who came to the painting-room the society stayed to partake of the steak which they, now and then, saw cooked on a gridiron over the fire, grew the Sublimity which flourished so long, and left the world so hopelessly dull. During the 132 years of life the members were strictly limited to twenty-four members. They would not create even an honorary member in addition to Royalty, and when the Fourth, when Prince of Wales, Brother Arnold scouts with mild indignation" the statement which has appeared in print," that the Prince, on expressing a desire to become a member, was accordingly admitted. On the contrary, "he was obliged to wait his turn till a vacancy occurred."

Saturday was always the day for dining, and 2 o'clock was at first the hour, but the hour was changed as fashion changed, till 5 o'clock became the time for meeting. In Lincoln's day, the members broke up to go to the theatres, which opened at 5 o'clock. Towards the close of the Sublime life, the members often did not break up at all. The steaks were prepared, but the guests did not appear. They must have been a sight for gods and men in the old days! Fancy a couple of dozen gentlemen going down the street, at intervals of a minute or two, in buff waistcoats and blue coats with brass buttons, bearing in the device, dear enough to the hearts of Britons, of "Beef and Liberty"!

For seventy years the society dined in their room over the stage of Covent Garden Theatre, till they were turned out. Subsidiary steaks found a temporary refuge at the Bedford Coffee House, near the old haunt. In 1809, they went to the old Lyceum. One and twenty years they flourished, under that roof. Fire again compelled them. The Lyceum Tavern, in the Strand, and the old Bedford, were too happy to receive them in succession. When the present Lyceum was built, a noble room was erected for the Sublimes. They took with them there their honor, appetites, and the original gridiron, dug out of the ruins of two theatrical conflagrations.

Before the dinner was announced the guests assembled in an ante-room, on the folding-doors of which being drawn, they passed into their superb Gothic dining-saloon, and took their seats. At the further end of this apartment an enormous grating, in the form of a gridiron, separated them from the scene of action, where the steaks were being cooked in every sort of fashion the desire could suggest. Over the gridiron was a crown, the crowning achievement of science and industry. Large accidents are almost always out of place, but this work may be truly characterized as a splendid effort of human ingenuity.

Whitbread his last cask of beer was sour," etc. Although the society, like that famous proto-club, "The Sixty," which met once a week in the Temple of Hercules at Athens, respected the witty sayings of Saturday night, no member was allowed to make a note of what was being said. William Jordan, a visitor, on one night detected Morris in a note of a brilliant repartee that had been made. The President pointed to the lines over the chimney-piece—

Ne quis scribito nisi mihi,
Ne quis dicto foras eliminat.

"Jordan," he said, "do you understand these words?" "I understand one of them," was the reply; "'sit,' and I mean to do it."

One of the best features of the society was the singing. Amusing as it may have been to see Brotherton at Bacchus, bringing up and decanting the wine, it must have been impossible to hear him singing the "Pipe de Tabac." Brother Arnold publishes some of the songs written expressly for or by members, and he has a high opinion of them. Except Captain Morris', they seemed to us poor; but manner, the time, and local allusions, no doubt, had much to do with the effect.

Brother Arnold inquires, "Why did such a society collapse?" We answer, because it had lived its time. Had earlier assailants, than one brother is aware of. When the members drank nothing—that is, no other wine—but port, Cumberland feathered a light arrow against the society. It is so to be found in one of "Lord Aberville's" speeches to "Mortimer," (in *The Fashionable Lover*,) "Pooh! you've been black-balled at some paltry port-drinking club-set-up for a man of wit and ridicule." Canning, too, has his joke against the society and its objects. In the thirty-first number of the *Anti-Jacobin*, he alludes to the "Anthropophagi, or Beefeaters, "that the English are distinguished for their love of liberty and beef."

We would further remind Brother Arnold that symptoms of decay began to seem in the society half a century before dissolution settled it forever. It could not have been a cheerful thing to see George Steevens, the parasite of Johnson, introducing Captain Morris' song by extraordinary noises. Moore (in 1818) thought it was as gay a matter to dine alone as with the Steakers, especially if the Captain and Brougham were not present. On one occasion Moore changed his intention of banqueting with the Society. He dined by himself (no bad company) at the George, and, as he says in his diary, had no great loss of it." The reduction (in 1809) of the entrance fee from £35 5s to ten guineas was a symptom of decadence. The mourns Lambert ever began to make little account of their fellowship privileges. For nearly 30 years Brother Whitbread was known to dine with the society but once. The attendance of 24 members averaged two a day, but there were days when everything was ready and no guests at all appeared. There were fifteen years of the Sublime Society when the flame expired; but when Morris came down at past fourscore to sing his last song, it must have sounded like a Threnodia of the Sublimes.

The last bit of what may be called "surprising fun" occurred when the Society gave permission to Brother R. Brougham or Broughton, Esq., to introduce to it a pie of port wine to the society by whichever of them first became Lord Chancellor, chief singer at the French Opera, or Master of the Rolls. Brougham profited by the permission when he reached the highest office in the law.

Inevitably, however, the last hour of the society sounded. Lord Broughton said there was a time for all things, and resigned. Others followed. Old rules were disregarded by those who remained. Visitors became free and easy, the tenderness of the steaks was questioned, the cook died, the butcher resigned, the Treasurer, who had held the society together, ate his last steak, and with Brother Stephenson the society died. At its story, Smellfungus may lift his eyebrows and say something sarcastic about the peculiarities of men of the sublime gifts, but it must not be forgotten that with many members the Saturday night's relaxation was welcome after the daily labor, of one sort or another, during the previous portion of the week.

Dost Mix the Hands.

From the Dubuque Telegraph.

The subject of our narration is Mr. Langfeld, who by those who knew him well he remembered as a long, lank, lukee type of fellow, of sallow complexion, but as full of humor as the Sunday law permits. The scene upon which our story opens and closes is laid on a steamboat on the way up from Bellevue—the time during high water in the spring of '69. Mr. Langfeldt with three other passenger was playing euchre, and the stakes were high, the euchres, too, for some other game with the turbid waters which run so high, that no attempt even was made to keep to the channel, but it was allowed to run just as nature saw fit. The card players were dealing out lively, and just as the moment our introduction to the excited players begins, they had made their deal and were about to play, when their attention was arrested, and their hands stopped by a rough, grating sound from the bottom of the boat, apparently, and immediately followed a rush from the cabins and cries of distress shrill enough to palsy the strongest. Men, women and children mingled in the wildest confusion, and the card players grasping their stakes, for truth flashed upon them at once that the boat had "snagged," and their pale countenances betrayed fears that they might all go to the bottom. The second all had been arrested with fear and their hands dropped—those which held the cards falling mechanically on the table. No one observing the situation would have thought for a moment that that game was not out; but, when the consternation was at its height, Langfeldt accidentally glanced at the hands of his companions, and then at his own, and saw his advantage, and love for the game triumphed grandly over fear, and, bending forward, his long, lank form—legs a-stride and arms spread in the ambidextrous fashion known to the table resembling the letter X—he screamed to his comrades—the sound seeming to come from the very bottom of his boots—For God's sake, gentlemen, don't mix your hands!"

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NEW YORK, ss.—SUPREME COURT—RICHARD EDWARD CROMWELL against THE SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, receiver of the property and effects of the Security Insurance Company, is prepared, pursuant to an order of this Court, made in this action, to make a distributive payment of twenty cents on the dollar of the claims of the said Security Insurance Company, payable on and after the 20th day of March, 1872, to those creditors of the said Company who have exhibited their claims as creditors, and whose claims have been ascertained and allowed.

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Third, all other creditors of such corporation, in proportion to their respective demands, without giving any preference to debts of any specialities, such payment will be made at the office of the receiver, No. 38 Broadway, in the City of New York, on and after the 20th day of March, 1872, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. of each day.

A. F. HASTINGS, Receiver.

Notice to the Creditors of the Security Insurance Company of New York. To all whom it may Concern: Supreme Court, State of New York, County of New York: Richard F. Bruff and another against the Security Insurance Company.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order duly made in the above entitled action, all creditors of said Security Insurance Company are required to exhibit their claims to the undersigned Referee appointed to hear and report thereon, at his office in Room 61, Chamber Court), in the City of New York, on or before the 25th day of March, 1872, being the time to original Section 48, Article 3, Chapter 5, Title 1, Part 3, of the Revised Statutes; or, in default thereof, they will be precluded from participating in the distribution which shall be made under the judgment or decree in this action.

Dated New York, March 6, 1872.

JAMES McKEEN, Referee.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the District of Massachusetts. In the matter of the Insolvent Insurance Company, bankrupt.

The warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said Court against the estate of the above-named Insurance Company of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, of the State of Massachusetts, in said District, adjudged a bankrupt upon the petition of its creditors; and the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to it or for its use, and the transfer of any property by it are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their claims, to appoint one or more assignees of its estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Boston, in said District, on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the United States Court House, before Samuel B. Norris, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy, designated for that purpose.

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The 10th of the numbers of the ATLANTIC issued for 1872, have had articles by Longfellow, Holmes, Parton, Hawthorne, DeMille; and one or more have had articles by Whittier, Bret Harte, Higginson, Bayard Taylor, Stowell, Aldrich, Fields, Norton, Alfred, Eastman, Miss Phelps, Mrs. Thaxter, Dr. J. W. Palmer.

Our Young Folks.

CONTENTS:—A Chance for Himself, (Part 4) by J. T. TROWBRIDGE; Crusoe Life, (Part 4) by Rev. R. D. CARTER; The First Baptism in Congo, by JAMES PARTON; and numerous other interesting articles, with abundant Pictures, Rebuses, Enigmas, Correspondence, etc.

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	Leave.	Arrive.
St. Louis & Springfield Express, via Main Line	* 9:15 a m	* 3:00 p m
Kansas City Express, via Jacksonville, Ill., and Louisiana, Mo.	* 9:15 a m	* 3:00 p m
Washington, Washington Express (Western Division)	* 4:10 p m	* 3:00 p m
Local & Express (Eastern Division)	* 4:10 p m	* 3:00 p m
St. Louis & Springfield Lightning Express, via Main Line, and also via Jacksonville Division	† 9:00 p m	† 7:25 a m
Kansas City Express, via Jacksonville, Ill., & Louisiana, Mo.	† 9:00 p m	† 7:15 a m
Accommodation (Eastern Division)	† 4:30 p m	† 10:40 a m
Accommodation (Western Division)	† 4:30 p m	† 10:40 a m
Local Express (Eastern Division)	† 4:30 p m	† 10:40 a m
Local Express (Western Division)	† 4:30 p m	† 10:40 a m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. ‡Sunday only.

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	Leave.	Arrive.
Mail (via main and air-line)	*6:00 a m	*2:30 p m
Night Express	6:30 p m	7:30 a m
Kalamazoo Accommodation	*4:10 p m	*11:30 a m
Atlantic Express (daily)	6:15 p m	7:30 a m
Pacific Express	*12:00 m	*10:00 p m
FOR INDIANAPOLIS, VIA PERU ROAD.		
Mail	*6:00 p m	*2:30 p m
Night Express	10:30 p m	7:30 a m
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Pacific Fast Line	10:15 a m	4:00 p m
Pacific Night Express	*6:30 p m	8:30 a m
Fort Dodge and Dubuque Express	9:00 p m	5:30 a m
Sioux City and Dubuque Ex	9:00 p m	5:30 p m
Milwaukee Mail	8:00 a m	10:10 a m
Milwaukee Express	4:00 p m	7:00 p m
Milwaukee Passenger	1:00 p m	5:00 p m
Milwaukee Passenger (daily)	11:00 p m	6:00 a m
Green Bay Express	10:00 a m	5:00 p m
Green Bay	5:00 p m	5:30 a m

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway.

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Ticket Office—Southeast cor. Madison and Canal-sts.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Mail	*6:40 a m	*8:00 p m
Special New York Express	*8:00 a m	*3:00 p m
Atlantic Express (daily)	8:15 p m	7:30 a m
Night Express	*10:30 p m	*6:20 p m

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	Leave.	Arrive.
Evansville & Terre Haute Ex	7:30 a m	3:30 p m
Mommoth Accommodation	4:30 p m	*10:55 a m

Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Day Express	*9:00 a m	7:00 p m
Pacific Express	10:15 p m	6:30 a m
Fast Lightning	12:00 m	4:30 p m
Mail	3:00 p m	10:30 a m
Valparaiso Accommodation	5:00 p m	10:30 a m
Night Express	12:00 p m	6:30 a m

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Peoria Express	*9:00 a m	*6:15 p m
Rock Island Express	*12:00 m	*6:15 p m
Fox River Express	*3:00 p m	*10:30 a m
Galesburg Passenger	*4:00 p m	*9:15 p m
Mendota & Hawn Passenger	4:30

NEW YORK.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE CASE OF SENATOR WOOD.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The testimony in the case of Senator James Wood, a member of the New York Senate from Livingston County, taken before an Investigating Committee, is published, and occupies ten columns. The most interesting portion is the evidence given by W. M. Tweed and Jay Gould. The latter testifies that he sent $5,450 to Livingston County to defeat Wood's nomination, considering him hostile to the Erie management, but Wood was nominated and elected, and, as Chairman of an important Committee, soon let Gould and Tweed hear from him. Wood has long been associated with a man named Chamberlain, in law partnership. He sent Chamberlain to Tweed, asking Tweed to "help him" in introducing a new patent for rectifying whiskey. Tweed was not favorably impressed with the patent, but agreed to lend Senator Wood $15,000, with no security but Wood's notes. Tweed testifies that he knew little of Wood's means; has never pressed Wood to pay the note, and does not intend to press him now. Chamberlain also called on Jay Gould to take an interest in the patent, but Gould preferred to deal with Wood himself. Wood accordingly called on Gould, at the Grand Opera House. Gould did not want to know anything about whiskey inventions, but offered to loan Wood personally $10,000 on his simple note. Wood accepted, of course, and received $10,000 then and there, in currency. When asked how this happened, Gould said he was accustomed to pay many bills in currency at the Erie office, to avoid the trouble and identification. He may, however, have preferred not to commit this transaction to paper. Gould testified that he was not in the habit of loaning money thus, except to his friends, and was considerably perplexed when asked why, if Wood was his friend, he had previously spent $5,000 to defeat his nomination. Wood has never refunded any part of this $10,000 loan, though paying a few instalments of interest. His rectifying enterprise has not flourished, but Tweed and Gould have given him all desired indulgence on his notes. Tweed, Gould, Walter Roche, and Barber, chief of the Albany lobby, all swear, point-blank, they know of no sums of money paid to last year's notably corrupt New York Legislature. Roche alone admitted that he had bought a principal lot of purchased Senators, but had never seen it. Wood has not resigned yet, and the Legislature has taken no action regarding him. Albany letters say he is looking pale and haggard, and yesterday he almost fell over in a fit, when Senator Chatfield, also from the Livingston District, and sitting behind him in the chamber, turned around, and, resting his head on one, a resolution for Wood's expulsion. The Senate was shocked at what is called this brutality, and laid Chatfield's resolution on the table. Chatfield is known as the most pious man of the Senate, an intimate friend of Wood's, and also of Gould's Erie management. Before departing from home for Albany he requested the prayers of his congregation, to enable him to resist corruption. When the report was made exposing Wood's $20,000 loans he moved on his own hook, and asked that his bosom friend might be kicked out inconsiderately. The Senate, however, feels more deliberate, and the probability is that Wood will resign.

THE RAID ON ERIE.

The management of the recent raid on Erie is now imputed to General Sickles, and he has been explaining his work of preparation to reporters. After the downfall of Tammany, he thought the moment for action had arrived. He left Spain at once, and reached New York in a private car. He did not go to Washington, "as the Erie stockholders in Paris. "On reaching Washington," he says, "I laid the matter before the President, stating the importance of its relations to the national credit, and all American enterprises requiring capital from Europe. I told him of the constant mortification every American Minister was compelled to feel at the reproaches constantly thrown in his face about New York legislative corruption, and that three-fourths of the renown gained by the rebellion has since been discounted by these phases in our politics. I had heard of the Tammany and Erie frauds in Italy, France, on the Rhine, London, and Madrid. I asked the President, therefore, to let me stay in America three months to unset the Erie ring and put it in honest hands. The President said: 'Try it, you must have three months.' He also promised me all the help he could give consistently, and without his aid I could not have succeeded. The work has been accomplished in the three months, with 12 days to spare. I selected every one of the new Directors, but never said anything about the Atlantic & Great Western to any of them. To-day I received a letter from Mr. Scott, of the Atlantic & Great Western, remarking that he has more faith in his road than in Erie, and would not accept a consolidation on any terms Erie could offer. The morning after the new Board was elected we found, in spite of our caution to the police, the Erie offices in possession of Lynch and his force; and the lives of Archer and subordinates would not have been worth a straw but for the latter, who, alarmed by the clamorous of the police, sent for a large force of trusty expressmen, who protected him and his authority. Lynch's Railway Police is another phase of the infamous government which has ruled the State for the last three years. The ring magnates obtained an act of the Legislature authorizing the railroad to maintain a police force. I would recommend the public to look upon those interested in the reform of the City Government."

TERRIBLE SCENE IN NEWARK.

Prof. Hager, of the Great Republic Allegory, gave an entertainment at Newark, last night, for the benefit of the Aged Woman's Home. At the close of the first part, when the Southern States secede, a young miss representing Georgia stepped to the front of the stage, and in an instant her gauze dress was in flames. Josie Coates, aged 14, ran twice across the stage, enveloped in flames, until a man in the audience leaped on the stage and extinguished them with his coat. Miss Coates was taken home, but it is feared her injuries are fatal, as she is badly burned from head to foot. Miss Hattie Lyon, aged 16, was saved by her master having wrapped a shawl around her burning dress. Her injuries are not dangerous. The rest of the multitude of girls rushed from the stage in terror, and shrieking.

THE MILLER INVESTIGATION.

The investigation stirred up by the New York *Times* into the official conduct of the State Insurance Superintendent, George W. Miller, has taken a decided turn in Miller's favor. The recent evidence of Augustus St. Clair, formerly a reporter on the *Times*, was sarcastically reviewed by the *Times*, which also depreciated St. Clair's credibility when on the witness' stand. The managing editor of the *Times* declined to reveal the name of the author of the slashing editorials against Miller, but the man himself turned up to-day, in the person of F. W. Ballard, who, for some mysterious reason, is known as the Tribune correspondent in Paris. "On reaching Washington," he says, "I laid the matter before the President, stating the importance of its relations to the national credit, and all American enterprises requiring capital from Europe. I told him of the constant mortification every American Minister was compelled to feel at the reproaches constantly thrown in his face about New York legislative corruption, and that three-fourths of the renown gained by the rebellion has since been discounted by these phases in our politics. I had heard of the Tammany and Erie frauds in Italy, France, on the Rhine, London, and Madrid. I asked the President, therefore, to let me stay in America three months to unset the Erie ring and put it in honest hands. The President said: 'Try it, you must have three months.' He also promised me all the help he could give consistently, and without his aid I could not have succeeded. The work has been accomplished in the three months, with 12 days to spare. I selected every one of the new Directors, but never said anything about the Atlantic & Great Western to any of them. To-day I received a letter from Mr. Scott, of the Atlantic & Great Western, remarking that he has more faith in his road than in Erie, and would not accept a consolidation on any terms Erie could offer. The morning after the new Board was elected we found, in spite of our caution to the police, the Erie offices in possession of Lynch and his force; and the lives of Archer and subordinates would not have been worth a straw but for the latter, who, alarmed by the clamorous of the police, sent for a large force of trusty expressmen, who protected him and his authority. Lynch's Railway Police is another phase of the infamous government which has ruled the State for the last three years. The ring magnates obtained an act of the Legislature authorizing the railroad to maintain a police force. I would recommend the public to look upon those interested in the reform of the City Government."

Ballard testified that he was the author of the charges appearing in the *Times* against Superintendent Miller. Ballard passed under the name of Browning in the *Times*. He is now stated to be in Europe, and his testimony was extradited to Massachusetts to-day, Judge Cardozo refusing further delay.

LEET & STOCKING.

There is much complaint among the merchants at the failure of Collector Arthur's Custom House to inaugurate the needed reform in the General Order business. The *World* says that Leet & Stocking have sent a letter around to several steamship companies, addressed to the Collector, which has been commended to him at the custom house. The canvassers for Leet & Stocking in this business, as an inducement to get signatures, represented that the Collector would be considered in favor to have the letter signed, and that the signers would lose nothing thereby.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

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IN THE INSURANCE INVESTIGATION

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GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, March 16.—A telegram from Valetta, Malta, reports that Bitten, formerly stated man-of-war Lord Clyde, 28 guns and 4,067 tons, is ashore in the Mediterranean. The naval authorities at Valetta will send assistance to the Lord Clyde.

Marquis Cadorna, Italian Minister to England, denies that he intends to resign and return to Italy.

It is reported that England and Uruguay have come to an open rupture, and that all friendly relations between them have ceased.

MEXICO.

NEW YORK, March 16.—A special from Matamoros says: General Mejia, the Mexican Minister of War, telegraphs of the resapture of Zacatecas, from the City of Mexico, on the 6th. He had received an official telegram from General Rocha, dated in Zacatecas. On approaching the city, Rocha encountered the rebels, under Trevino, on the hills in the vicinity. He attacked immediately and routed them, capturing all their infantry, artillery, and trains, with great numbers of prisoners. The cavalry alone escaped, and Government horsemen were in pursuit.

WEST INDIES.

HAVANNA, March 16.—Domingo Giral, whose sentence of death was commuted to imprisonment for life, and Doctor Howard, left yesterday for Cuba, a Spanish penal settlement on the west coast of Africa

GERMANY.

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SPAIN.

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Fires.

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CHICAGO AND THE CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

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TO-DAY.

By Associated Press.]

THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Senate New York Custom House Investigation Committee met this morning.

Ex Collector Murphy testified that he did not now hold any public office. Was Collector from July, 1870, to December last. Being interrogated on the general order business, he said he had been in office but a month or two when he closed Marcus J. & Co.'s store and sent goods to Leet & Stocking's store. He closed the store of Jackson & Co. because a report was brought to him that goods were on the market being sold at a very low price. That they were not sold to the parties. It was found, after removing and checking goods, that over 200 bales were on the Custom House books that were not in store. Seventeen thousand dollars disappeared and had not been in New York since, to his knowledge. The goods were removed after a consultation with the Custom House officers. There had been no consultation with the President, Babcock, or Porter on the subject; none outside of the Custom House officers. The parties above named ever used any influence with him. Last fall he was in Porter and Babcock's rooms, and after-ward saw Porter and Secretary Boutwell came in from the room leading to the hall. The President said to him:

"Murphy, there is much noise and scandal about the young man Leet in connection with the general order business, on account of his having been connected with the Custom House. I have come to the conclusion that that young man had better leave."

To this, Murphy replied: "The warfare on Leet originated with a steamship company, for the purpose of getting the business themselves. His opinion is that Stocking conducted the business well, and he did not feel like giving way to a Steamship Company." There was no order of any kind, in or out of Washington, that made it obligatory on the Collector to continue storage to Leet & Stocking. Witness felt that he could do what he pleased in the matter.

On being interrogated on the subject of removals, owing to the course of certain Republicans on the General Republican Committee, he said his impression was that, owing to articles in the newspapers for the effect that these gentlemen were acting at the dictation of Tammany, they were removed. Orders came from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Collector and Appraiser, as he heard, to the Postmaster, that if any members of the General Committee should be appointed to office under him, they should be removed. If he himself did not receive such a letter, it was because it was not thought necessary. He knew of no such letter, and, therefore, was not removed. Witness never had but one idea on the subject of Government reform, and that was, to have good men favorable to Horace Greeley; but, if he had his steps to retrace, it would not be his advice again. He thought Greeley's nomination would be for the best interest of the Republican party. What Townley said about witness having spoken to the persons from Germany and Canada was entirely untrue, and made out of whole cloth. Money was collected in the Collector's office, for political purposes, from subordinates. The amount collected in his office was from $7,000 to $9,000, and all disbursed. The highest amount at one time was $50,000. No one was removed for not contributing. He learned that the City Government of New York had a political assessment, and that a month's pay had frequently been taken from subordinates. He had been told so by those whose pay it had been stopped. They had been sued to recover assessments. The suit had been brought to trial, but the Judge dismissed the case without giving a decision in such cases, and that, the first papers being void, the Circuit Court had no power to grant the second papers.

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Fifteenth Amendment Jubilee at Jacksonville.

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Suicide of a Burglar.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE TRAMWAY BILL.

The Railroad Committee reported back Senator Woodard's Tramway bill, with a recommendation that it pass.

BILLS READ.

House bills were read the first and second times, to an audience of 47 members.

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Adjourned.

WISCONSIN.

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MADISON, March 16.—The Legislature has agreed on final adjournment on March 26, and both Houses adjourned to Monday evening.

On last evening, in the Assembly, the Judiciary Committee reported against the passage of a law authorizing a town to build a bridge, and explained the reasons for delay in publishing the Supreme Court reports, in consequence of fires in Albany and Chicago, expressing the opinion that there would soon be no reason for complaint.

Bills were introduced to provide for sinking a shaft into lower magnesian limestone in the lead region; also, to authorize the purchase of ten acres of land for the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb.

Bills passed to provide for the government of the Wisconsin Hospital for the Insane; to extend the provisions of the law of 1870, authorizing a survey in the lead district, and all mineral regions of the State. The vote killing the one to pay Judd for expenses in contesting a seat in the Legislature was reconsidered, and action deferred.

To-day the time for evening meeting was fixed for 7 o'clock.

The Committee on General Laws was instructed to report a general law for the incorporation of Savings Banks. The Committee on Education instructed to inquire into the propriety of reporting a bill for the election of School District officers separately.

Some bills of minor importance were killed, and a large number ordered to a third reading.

The Judiciary Committee presented a bill to submit to a vote of the people an amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution, providing for the number of Judges of the Supreme Court, which passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Bills were introduced by the Committee on General Laws to amend Section 35, Chapter 13, of the Revised Statutes of counties and other officers; also to amend Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes of towns and town officers, as to the powers and duties of towns; also, to authorize counties in this State to purchase land to devote to the purpose of holding fairs and exhibitions of an agricultural nature.

The bill appropriating $432,000 to the Northern Hospital for the Insane was passed.

The Temperance bill was concurred in, by a vote of 17 to 11, and a motion to reconsider laid on the table.

The amendment to the bill to exempt private property from seizure or sale to pay municipal debts was concurred in. The amendment to the latter, restricting the operation of the act, were adopted, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

The Senate concurred in the Assembly amendments to the adjournment resolution, agreeing to adjourn *sinedie* on March 26.

The Northern Fire Committee reported a bill appropriating $100,000 to the Governor for the relief of sufferers by the Northern fires.

IOWA.

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SENATE.

DESMOINES, March 16.—A bill was introduced fixing the numbers of Trustees of State institutions, and Regents of the State University, prescribing their compensation.

Resolutions were adopted that from and after this day, the Senate hold two daily sessions, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 12 m., and from 2 o'clock p. m. to 5 o'clock p. m., and from and after March 23 no bills shall be considered that do not meet the approbation of a standing committee. A number of unimportant bills were passed.

HOUSE.

Petitions were presented asking legislation for secret societies, especially against the Masonic Fraternity; also, for a change in the system of county government, and asking the repeal of the law concerning the visitation of schools by County Superintendents. Also, for an amendment to the law for the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors for an amendment of the law in relative to the appropriation of moneys for bridge building in counties, to determine the limits of illegitimate children, and provide remedies in certain cases. The bill was defeated in relation to the collection of taxes from railroad companies, requirers to collect taxes from those owing them to counties who have claims against counties.

But little business was transacted in either house, the majority of the economical members having gone home to attend the private matters at the expense of the State.

MICHIGAN.

LANSING, March 16.—The Senate this forenoon rescinded the passage of a resolution of thanks to the Chicago Tribune for its relief published Michigan people who suffered by the fire last fall, but again passed it by a decisive majority. The vote stood 19 to 13. Democrats voting.

The Senate has also passed the House concurrent resolution denouncing the Chicago Relief bill, and calling upon the next Congress to oppose its passage. The bill authorizing the building of a new State Capitol, at a cost of $1,200,000, to be finished in three years, and paid by direct taxation, evenly distributed through the time specified, has passed both houses, and will be signed by the Governor. One of the two important measures of the session.

The House Committee on Redistricting the State Senate, reports this forenoon the Senate Committee bill, made little progress.

NEW YORK.

ALBANY, March 16.—In the Assembly an inquiry was ordered into the combinations of railroads, and especially of the Southern Improvement Company, to effect unjust discriminations, and to fix rates and freights.

The resolution for the expulsion of Senator James Wood, reported from the Committee which has been investigating his case, will come up Monday. The testimony adduced in his case creates much surprise among politicians here.

MASSACHUSEETTS.

BOSTON, March 16.—A majority of the Massachusetts Legislative Committee on the subject have reported a resolution to amend the Constitution so as to give women the right to vote and hold office.

RELIGIOUS.

Brother Hammond's Work—Church Built in a Day—Women as Preachers.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 16.—The meetings of the revivalist Hammond have been very largely attended here during the week. They were kept up day and night, and attracted great crowds, but there has been few conversions except among children. All the liquor saloons have been visited during the week by clergymen and children, and prayers offered. There was a proposition at the close of the *Commonwealth* this afternoon, at which all the printers and editors were present, and praying and singing continued an hour.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., March 16.—The Congregational Church was dedicated here yesterday, and to-day some forty carpenters erected a building 32 by 60 feet, in which services are to be held to-morrow, and thereafter until a new church is built.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—A largely attended meeting of ladies and gentlemen friendless in this city was held here yesterday, to discuss a plan having in view the admission of women to the pulpit as preachers. Reporters were excluded, but it has transpired that after two or three set speeches and a general discussion of the subject a committee was appointed to call a meeting of the General Conference, to meet soon at Brooklyn, N. Y., asking that body to sanction and provide for the ordination of women as ministers of the Methodist Church. Some of the first ladies of the city were present at this meeting, and took part in the discussion.

Black Hills Gold Fields.

SIOUX CITY, March 16.—A private letter, received in this city to-night from Fort Randall, Dakota, says that a few days since, a party of five Indians came there direct from the Black Hills. They had in their possession a double handful of nuggets of gold and considerable quartz. They offered to trade the gold to buy this gold, for the purpose of sending to friends as specimens, but the Indians refused to part with it. The writer says that considerable excitement exists there among the citizens and soldiers over the recent discoveries in the Black Hills, and a party there wish to join an expedition which is being fitted out at this place.

The Redistricting Question at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—Counsel for plaintiff in the petition for an injunction in the matter of redistricting the city into wards, applied before Judge Cox, of the Common Pleas, to-day, for an injunction restraining the Board of Commissioners and City Clerk for contempt, and for a rule against the Mayor to show cause why he should not be attached for disobedience to the injunction of Judge Cox in issuing his proclamation making the boundaries of the new wards and other wards of the Commissioners. The fact was telegraphed that the Deputy Sheriff could not find the Mayor last Thursday, and so did not serve the injunction. Judge Cox refused to grant an attachment, as petitioned, against the Clerk and Commissioners, but granted a rule against the Clerk, Commissioners and Mayor, to show cause on Monday morning, and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt. Knotty points of law seem to be involved in this matter, and such as good lawyers differ upon.

Railway Accidents.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 16.—This morning a train was thrown from the track by a broken rail. The smoking car went down an embankment fifteen feet, and twenty persons in it were more or less injured, but probably none fatally.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 16.—An accident occurred to the up-train on the Lake Superior & Mississippi Railway, near the Union Pacific Junction, yesterday. The ladies' car was thrown from the track, and rolled over the embankment. One lady, whose name is not given, was fatally injured. Several other passengers received slight injuries.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, March 16.

There are no very prominent features in connection with finances, except the rise in stocks. Erie has now risen from 30, a month ago, to 47½ to-day, an advance of 58 per cent.

In the local markets, the most prominent feature of the week has been the decline in breadstuffs and provisions. During the last 10 days wheat has declined about 8 cents per bushel, and, from the present aspect of both the foreign and home markets, will go considerably lower. Compared with the prices of pork, beef and other articles of food, wheat should be but little over 91 per bushel, though the speculative interests will probably sustain it above that until the prospect of the new crop is ascertained.

The supply of money in this market continues fair, and bankers are lending to all their regular customers, but the steady decline of prices in the produce markets has locked up considerable money in hourglas, and the call for more helps to make money work closer.

Exchange is firm at 25c per $1,000 discount for sales between banks.

Clearings for the week ending March 16:

Monday	$ 5,606,316.20
Tuesday	4,980,116.16
Wednesday	2,241,570.17
Thursday	2,242,693.08
Friday	2,972,779.12
Saturday	2,965,810.05
Total	$13,899,347.70
Last week	14,263,078.87

The following quotations for local stocks are furnished by C. Granville Hammond, 38 Wabash avenue:

Banks	*Bid*	*Asked*
First National	1.35	1.36
Third National	1.36	1.37
Fifth National	1.36	1.37
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MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1872.

DESTROYING THE PARTY.

The principal, and, indeed, the only, charge which Conkling, Morton & Co. bring against Senators Schurz, Trumbull, and Sumner, when they call for the investigation of abuses, is, that they are trying to destroy the Republican party, which has done so much for the country during the past ten years. The foolishness of the charge is apparent when it is considered that it was the American people who wrought those great changes and accomplished these grand reforms. Surely Schurz, Trumbull, and Sumner are not trying to destroy the American people, or any principles which they hold dear. Nor are they seeking to create a division, by which the Democratic party may come into power. The people constitute parties, and it was the majority of the American people (acting through certain machinery, it is true) who effected those grand results which saved the very existence of the nation. It was the people who suppressed the rebellion, who destroyed slavery, who reconstructed the Union, and who engrafted upon the Constitution those new and vital principles which grew out of the war and were necessary to the future security and welfare of the nation. The charge, therefore, that these Senators are trying to destroy the Republican party virtually amounts to the ridiculous charge that they are trying to destroy the American people. But the American people will remain here long after all the Senators now in office are dead, and will continue to maintain their ideas. They will never again allow human slavery to become a recognized institution of the country. They will never suffer the amendments to the Constitution to be repealed. They will never take a step backward in any of the great reforms which have been accomplished and have become a part of the organic law of the land, as lasting as the law itself.

The charge, therefore, has no deeper foundation than this: that the Republican party, having accomplished the objects for which it was organized, and, having made them secure, these Senators, whose ideas of statesmanship are not hedged in within the lines marked out by existing officeholders, nor weighed down with the incubus of dead issues, and who, therefore, rise superior to the paltry accidents of place and gain, seek to turn the attention of the people, who compose the party, to other reforms, for the securing of which the time has now come. And this their assailants call the destruction of the party, although they do not seek to disturb one of those reforms secured by the people, in the securing of which these Senators themselves were so greatly instrumental.

We have faith enough in the people to believe that they can discern these things, and see that this onslaught upon the men who are leaving the dead past to bury its dead and acting in the living present, springs from the selfish endeavor of those in power to retain the good things of this world. History repeats itself in their action. It is the experience of every party that there are always those who continue to bray the old war-cries after the battle is over and won, and to galvanize the old dead issues into a spasmodic form of life, and to frown upon all new ones, in order to convince the people that there is danger to the Republic if *they* are not continued in office. Those who are denouncing Schurz, Trumbull, and Sumner, are trying to run the Republican party upon their pabulum of Ku-Kluxism, and the vanishing animosities of a war which ended seven years ago, at the same time resisting every reform and every investigation of abuses. They have no other platform of principles than this, no other issues upon which they can conduct a campaign. They do not present to the American people a single cardinal truth, or a single reform measure or principle, applicable to the present day, and to a condition of peace. Having the power in their hands at the present time, their only policy is to read out and keep out those who do not agree with them. They kept out of the Senate, for a year or more, Joshua Hill, of Georgia, who had been a Union man through the war, but was too conservative for them after the war, and endeavored to put in his place a man who had been a rebel, and turned his coat to suit them. In the same manner they kept out Mr. Goldthwaite, of Alabama, as long as they could. They refused to allow Governor Vance, of North Carolina, to take his seat, on the ground that he had been a member of Congress, and afterward, identified himself with the rebel cause, but they voted to confirm the Rebel General Longstreet's appointment to an important office in New Orleans, and admitted Patterson, of Tennessee, to a seat in the Senate, who had been a United States District Judge prior to the war, and afterward held the same office under the Rebel Government. They are determined to recognize no man who does not agree with them.

Behind Schurz, Sumner, and Trumbull, on the one hand, and Morton, Conkling, and Carpenter, on the other, stand the people, who make and unmake parties, and who accomplish reforms as they are needed. Between them the people will decide which are the wisest and purest counsellors, and whose methods and practices conduce most to the upbuilding of good government and the elevation of the American name.

THE SALE OF ARMS TO FRANCE.

Little by little, and item by item, the facts in relation to the sale of arms to France are being told. Secretary Belknap states that on the 13th of October, 1870, Mr. Keller (now dead), Chief Clerk of the Ordnance Department, showed him a despatch from the Remington concern, at Ilion, New York, to W. C. Squires, their agent at Washington, which satisfied the Secretary that Remington was a purchasing agent for the French Government. He then adds:

> As soon as I saw that telegram, I went directly to the War Department, saw General Dyer, and ordered him to sell no more arms to Remington, as that telegram plainly allowed, in my judgment, that he was the agent of the French Government. This was after Mr. Keller intimated that I had had to that effect.

General Dyer, Chief of the Ordnance Bureau, testifies that, on the 13th of October he was about to open bids for the sale of arms; that, just before the bids were opened, this telegram, showing Remington to be a French agent, was placed in his hands; that, having previously received orders not to sell to the French or Prussian Government, he sent the despatch to the Secretary of War. He further testifies that, between the time of sending this despatch to the Secretary and receiving the expected order not to sell to Remington, he completed the sale of that date to Remington.

There had been a sale made on the previous day, Oct. 12, and the arms sold to Remington on the 12th and 13th of October, 1870, were not delivered for several weeks after; but, when they were delivered, it was with the knowledge that they were delivered to the agent of the French Government. The delivery took place Nov. 30, so that there was ample time to correct the error.

General Dyer and other witnesses from the Ordnance Department have taken the ground that, when the Department had sold arms, or accepted a bid, even with a man who had fraudulently concealed his real character, there was "a contract," which the Government could not honorably disregard. But the additional fact is now disclosed that part of the proceedings of a sale was a compliance with the terms, which were ordinarily: "Terms, cash, in Government funds; 10 per cent on the day of sale, and the remainder when the property is delivered." In the particular case of the proposals for the sales of Oct. 12 and 13, 1870, the terms read: "A margin of 20 per cent must be paid at the time of the award by any and all bids, and the residue upon the delivery of the stores." Therefore, there could be no sale, or contract, binding upon the War Department until the person had deposited 20 per cent of the amount of his purchase. The evidence of Colonel Crispin is, that this margin was not paid into the Department by Remington until the 15th, two days after the discovery that he was an agent of the French Government, and that it was unlawful to have any dealings with him.

Here, then, we have the facts that, previous to the 13th of October, orders had been given to sell no arms to any French or Prussian agent; that the Department had been for months dealing with Remington in ignorance that he was a French agent; that, on the 12th and 13th of October, bids by him were accepted, though not completed by the required payment of the 20 per cent; that on the 13th his real character was discovered and further sales stopped; but that the incomplete contracts of the 12th and 13th were, subsequently, with a full knowledge, of his agency, executed by the delivery to him, as agent of the French Government, of the rifles and ammunition. These facts fully sustain the original statement of Mr. Sumner and Mr. Schurz, that the War Department had sold and delivered arms to an authorized agent of the French Government with a knowledge that he was such agent. This assertion is fully sustained by the testimony of the Secretary of War and the Ordnance officers.

But, admitting all these facts, Mr. Conkling, and Mr. Morton, and Mr. Harlan cry out, "What of it? What right has Mr. Sumner or Mr. Schurz to find fault, and to call in question the action of the Government when the only party agcrieved is Prussia, who has not said a word upon the subject?" It is claimed that these Senators who have demanded this investigation are acting unpatriotically, and the Senator from Wisconsin declared that, unlike Mr. Sumner, he, the Senator from Wisconsin, acted on the principle that "His country was always right." But the question which is of direct interest to the American people is, Who was it that exercised during this whole transaction sufficient influence to sell the neutrality of the United States for money? The American people have an interest in finding out, and at this time, who it is that has such power and authority to use the War Department for the purposes of personal gain, even at the risk of war. The French Government has obtained from the United States a transcript of all the sales of arms made to its agents, and finds that the bills of those purchases were doctored to show an advance of 40 per cents on the real prices. This was in addition to the 5 per cent commission paid Remington. Here, then, is the motive. The War Department was forced to execute contracts with an unaccredited agent of the French Government for the sale of arms in violation of our neutrality, that the French Government might be swindled out of 40 per cent on all their purchases. Who got this money? One person, the French Consul at New York, has been tried and convicted of complicity in the fraud. His share was comparatively small. Who got the rest? Who was it "hanging on the verge of the Government" that was able to bring about the execution of these illegal sales? Let us have that man discovered. The people wish to know who it is that has the power to compel officers of the War Department to sell the neutrality of the United States to the injury of one foreign power and to the plunder of an other. France and Prussia are not concerned in that question. It is not a question of doing justice to either of those Governments, but of protecting the United States from gamblers who use the power of Government for their own dishonest gain. The French Government was able to lay its hands upon the French member of the combination, and the Government of the United States should lay its hands upon the other.

NOT ENOUGH PRUSSIAN.

In the course of an interview with a TRIBUNE reporter on Saturday (which the party interviewed understood was to be published), Mr. A. C. Hesing said:

> I would like to say, in closing the interview, that the Germans do not think the charge against Mr. Schurz of being too much of a Prussian" is well founded. They consider him too much of an American, and think him lacking in German sympathies.

Mr. Hesing is undoubtedly right in characterizing Senator Schurz as more an American than a German. Whether he is right in saying that the Germans generally make this a cause of accusation against him or not, we do not know, but we should hope not. "The Germans" here referred to are all of a class who have voluntarily renounced their allegiance to Emperor William, and every other Emperor, King, Grand Duke, and what not on either side of the Rhine, and have either fully enrolled themselves as Americans, or declared under oath their intention to do so as speedily as our naturalization laws will permit. What danger is there that Senator Schurz, or any other man from Bonn, or Heidelberg, or Berlin, who has taken these serious and solemn steps, will become "too much of an American"? To say that Senator Schurz is "lacking in German sympathy" must imply either that he is carrying out in good faith his sworn intention to become an American citizen and cease to be a German citizen, and to impute this to him as an offence; or that he fails to sympathize with, and rejoice in, the prosperity and elevation of his native country. But it has never been charged against Senator Schurz that he fails to sympathize with and rejoice in the prosperity and elevation of Germany. Nobody would believe such a statement if made against him. Nearly all intelligent Americans of native birth sympathize with and rejoice in the prosperity and elevation of Germany. Certainly Senator Schurz does not fall short of the majority of educated Americans in that regard. To say that he is lacking in German sympathy, then, must mean that he is fulfilling strictly, in his life and conduct, the terms of his naturalization oath, which reads something like this:

> I, Carl Schurz, do solemnly swear that I renounce allegiance to all foreign Princes and Potentates whatsoever, and especially to William, Emperor of Germany, and that I will henceforth bear true allegiance to the United States of America, so help me God.

We believe that Mr. Hesing has taken a similar oath, and we presume he has no idea of being false to it in any way. But we fail to see the point of his criticism upon Carl Schurz, unless it be true, that Schurz, in Hesing's opinion, is living up to the spirit of that oath more diligently than Hesing is.

It is, perhaps, a necessity of Mr. Hesing's position, as publisher of an influential German newspaper, that he should seek to draw a deep and broad line of horror between that which is German and that which is American. Otherwise his newspaper, in progress of time, would suffer from the gradual mingling of German ideas, institutions, and language with the greater mass which surrounds them in this country. Being strongly impressed with the need of keeping up the distinction between German and American in the midst of America, we can understand how he should have given to his interlocutor the *saire* expression of his opinion concerning Schurz, which we have quoted, and which we have shown to be a misconception of the duties imposed by American citizenship. Inasmuch as very few Germans in this country are under any professional or business necessity of seeking to perpetuate or deepen the line of demarcation which differences of birth, language, and education have established, in the first instance, between Germans and native-born citizens, so we should hope that very few would agree with Mr. Hesing in characterizing Senator Schurz as too much of an American. We even venture to hope that Mr. Hesing may, in the course of time, come to see that the offence imputed to Schurz is really the highest praise that could be awarded to him as a Senator.

The report of the Massachusetts Board of Health for 1871 contains an elaborate essay by Dr. Bowditch on "Intemperance as Seen in the Light of Cosmic Law." Under this rather blind heading, he discusses, in a manner Buckle would have delighted in, the vast mass of statistics which he has gathered from every part of the world. His general conclusions are, that, while stimulants are used and often abused everywhere, intemperance is comparatively rare between the isothermal lines of 77° Farenheit, north and south of the equator, and very rife above the isothermal line of 50°. It, therefore, appears that an unchanging law of Nature declares that New York, and Boston, and Chicago must suffer from intoxication, despite the flimsy resistance of human enactments. It is gratifying to find that we can shift our responsibility for our sin of sins on some mysterious "Law." We expect to see the Anti-Temperance party become enthusiastic in their belief in obeying the "higher law," straightway. Can a man resist destiny? And is he to be punished for carrying out the decrees of an inexorable Fate?

The melancholy days have come, the saddest in the year, when the voice of the little boy is heard in the land, complaining that his school-teacher is cultivating and refining him by savagely beating him, and throttling him, and knocking him down, and stamping upon him, and maltreating him generally. Mary Bolton boasts a gentle female, who calls the wicked whisperer and the malicious mischief-maker to her desk, and then opens fire upon them from a masked battery of slates, and rulers, and bronze inkstands. California has an instructor who acts on the New York *Times'* advice *in re* Senator *vs.* Conkling, and chains the leg of an offender to his desk in order that he may not run away, and so escape from the coming hail-storm of blows. In Texas, a teacher, with a wholesome regard for his own life, confiscates the pistols of his pupils, and the next day, while attempting to frighten them into obedience by firing over their heads, accidentally kills a small girl and wounds her brother. It may be that sparing the rod would spoil the child, but it is very certain that slates, and inkstands, and chains, and pistol-balls will spoil him for this life, whatever effect his martyrdom may have on his prospects for the next.

There is trouble in the camp of Labor Reform. The Boston Eight-Hour League is earnestly discussing the propriety of criticising the national platform. At their last meeting, several speakers declaimed against the Columbus resolutions, because they "did not represent the laboring men, but represented certain theories of finance,—the odds and ends of other political platforms." A damaging blow was dealt at the Civil Service Reform by the statement that the resolution in its favor "showed that the Convention had been caught by that great humbug, which, if carried out, would give fewer offices than heretofore to laboring men." If carried out, it will give fewer offices to the ignorant men, and they will probably protest against this gross outrage on their rights: but why any other class (except scheming politicians) should protest, we are at a loss to see. Nearly every plank of the platform was hacked to pieces, and the League adjourned until the 20th inst., in order to gather strength to complete the work. These internal dissensions do not augur well for the success of the cause.

When the Confederacy ruled in Richmond, Miss Van Lew, of that city, was conspicuous for her kindness to the prisoners confined in the Libby. Her tender, womanly nature was extolled, by the Northern press, to the skies. When the United States ruled in Richmond, Miss Van Lew was appointed Postmistress. There have been more or less complaints of her administration ever since, and, a few days ago, the trouble culminated in the resignation of all the mail-carriers, on the express ground of the "harsh and overbearing nature" of the quondam minister of mercy to our wounded and sick. This unfortunate event is not without value, as tending to show the unhappy effect of office-holding upon the feminine mind.

A few of our States make days of election legal holidays. Their example might be followed to advantage by all. Such a custom would distinguish the day and tend to dignify the use of the ballot. Very many men cannot take the time to vote, under the present system. A large proportion of day-laborers, clerks, etc., scarcely ever have a chance to exercise their political rights. If there were but one election each year, and that were a holiday, a far larger vote would be polled, and so the will of the people would be more fully and clearly known. We are in no danger of going back to the days of mediæval Catholicism, when, on an average, there were but two working days in a week; and an increase in the number of our holidays would be a positive benefit, on the score of public health alone.

It will be remembered that some ingenious scoundrel forged a resignation for a Louisiana official, a few weeks since, and so got his victim superseded. There is nothing new under the sun. The Louisiana game was transplanted from Idaho. Last summer, J. P. Lewis, Associate Justice of that Territory, gave up his office without knowing it, because some unfaithful friend forwarded a forged resignation to Washington. It was genuine—save the first intimation of the matter that Lewis had was the arrival of his successor. He very naturally complained, and has been given a similar appointment in Washington Territory as a compensation for the wrong wittingly and unwittingly done him.

WASHINGTON.

The Red River Raft---More About Abbott's Ruse for the Senate.

Clayton, the Arkansas Traveller ---The Abuse of Prize-Money.

The State of Our Marine---Redux Emigration---Our Annual Bills ---The Growth of Our Great Library.

From Our Own Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, March 12.

Every now and then we have a petition of some sort asking Government help in money to get the great raft out of the Red River. The last of these is a comparatively modest request for $150,000, not to take up the whole raft, but simply to open passage-way along one side of it, so that the products of 1,000 miles above, in Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas, may come down.

THE BIGGEST RAFT SINCE NOAH.

The river is navigable some 700 miles above this raft; but the banks, for nearly the whole distance, are constantly heaving in and carrying into the stream trees and timber in vast quantities, and this enormous supply has actually driven out of cultivation and habitation 75 miles of plantation above the head of the raft. The whole bed of the Red River, from top to bottom, is filled with timber for 25 miles, and these submerged logs are often covered with a luxuriant growth of weeds and bushes, so that the Red River cannot be seen at all. Meantime bayoux are formed on both sides, and, by precarious canals connecting these accidental lakes, a sort of curious navigation is established, which the *Times* in a most deplorable plight,—that of printing the most atrocious charges, from an anonymous source, and without a scintilla of evidence, against an individual's private and public character. With such loose ideas of journalism as this it is easy to account for the gross personal abuse which has been heaped upon Senators Schurz and Trumbull. Sheer malice having been shown in one instance, its abuse in all others will be estimated at low value.

Now that Great Britain is comforted by the statement that her coal supply will last for a few scons of ages, she is becoming troubled by the decrease, in quality and in quantity, of her iron. The only ores free from deleterious compounds are found in Lancashire and Cumberland, and in no great profusion in either place. The expiration of the Bessemer patents for converting iron into steel has vastly extended the use of the process and has created a vastly-increased demand for the raw material. Companies have been formed to import ore from Spain and other parts of Europe. Some leading protectionist journals have been trying to manufacture capital out of the fact that the reduction of duty on pig iron last summer has not produced any corresponding reduction of price. The reason for this may be found in the fact that the increased consumption of Great Britain has kept up the price of British pig iron, and in the fact that our American monopolists would never dream of reducing their enormous profits unless compelled to do so by foreign competition.

The Legislature of Montana has passed a law declaring that "No alien shall be allowed to acquire any title, interest, or possessory or other right to any placer, mine, or claim, or to the profits or proceeds thereof, in this Territory." This is consistent. We do our best to keep other foreign commodities out of the country, and why not keep out the commodity of foreign money? The evil results to Montana of having her territory developed, her mines opened, her railroads built by foreign capital, need not be described. It only remains for the Legislature, after this ratification of the genuine Chinese system, to build a Chinese wall around their tolerant and enlightened community, and Montana will be safe from any of those pretended benefits that the East, and the Northwest, and California, and Utah have reaped by inviting the investment of foreign capital.

A GREAT NUISANCE.

Mr. E. C. Wines, appointed Commissioner to the International Penitentiary Convention, has put himself on record. He spent four months abroad, and found the Turks taking by far the most interest in the Penitentiary question,—probably because they had more live stock of the sort needed. All South America was in the Penitentiary movement, as well as Japan and Hayti.

BRINGING PALMS.

One of our travelled citizens, Lewis Baker late Consul at Lagunya, comes forward with a memorial for the Paternal Government to import palm-trees and date-palms into Florida, for he says that they grow already in New Granada and Lower California, and are just adapted for our Gulf seaboard. He thinks that palm-sugar can be made nearly as cheap as cane, and that from 6 to 10 cents a pound, and says it cannot be distinguished from cane sugar, and that in Manilla it costs less than a penny a pound. There ought to be some trade to Manilla.

THE LOYAL CLAIMANTS.

The Commissioners of Claims—three in number, one of whom is J. B. Howell, State Senator from Iowa—have received claims from the South to the number of 11,000, which, footed up, demand $27,000,000. They have reported in favor of nearly one million and three-quarters already. Henry Wilson, the other day, referring to the circular of Giles A. Smith, late Assistant Postmaster General under Grant, said: "The greatest abuse in Washington was shyster claims and bounty agents, who got into the Government service or into Congress, and seeing money to be made out of the Government, resigned from office to make it. This Smith was guilty of sending a letter to the Railroad Companies throughout the country, asking them to organize and sweep down upon the Government for increased compensation for mail service. The man who would do this against the Government that once employed him is no better than the man Earle, who also resigned the Assistant Postmaster Generalship to abet the Chorpenning claim."

OUR RISING LIBRARY.

Is there anything good to be said on this occasion? Yes. Here is the brief report of the Librarian of Congress, showing in every line energy in the service of literature and economy in the application of public money. He has $28,000 to his credit in the Treasury unfunched, made up of unexpended balances. He has, besides, turned over to the Treasury above $10,000 for copyright fees. During the past year, there were nearly 13,000 copyrights entered at the Library. The Librarian has put up 7,000 linear feet of shelves, and managed all the carriage and storage business of the place within a few dollars of the appropriation of $1,000 made more than a year ago. The Library now numbers nearly 240,000 volumes and 40,000 pamphlets; the Law Library alone has 28,000 volumes—one of the finest law collections in the world. During the year, this Library gobbled up 23,000 volumes which had been rusting in the loft of the Patent Office, and took about 4,000 volumes from the antiquated Smithsonian Institute; while the books purchased and received as the forfeit of copyright numbered 19,000, including, of course, pamphlets, musical compositions, maps, and whatever makes a book. The Librarian shows that his collection is fast outgrowing its quarters, and that ever if the old Hall of the House of Representatives is taken for books, that it also would be filled up in from three to five years. He recommends the purchase of the whole United States, numbering several hundred volumes in folio, are stored in a room inconvenient and inaccessible. Here is no bibliography or periodicals or reviews to be consulted; and within twenty years, at the present rate of progress, the collection will possess half a million tomes. Undoubtedly the time will arrive when the present Library of Congress will be simply a document-room, with a small consulting and law library if necessary, while the general collection will be set up in a more scholastic and less political atmosphere.

GATH.

PERSONAL.

The Lowell *Courier* calls General Sherman's visit to the Pope "a march to the Sea."

—The first organ built in America was constructed by Edward Bromfield, Jr., in Boston, in 1745.

—A lady at Bath, Me., has a bouquet of flowers which she picked from Napoleon's garden on the Island of St. Helena in 1869. Though no extra means have been taken, they are in a fine state of preservation.

—The poor Irishman of Penn Yan, N. Y., who inherited $23,000, is now searching for the retired stage-driver of Halifax, the wealthy car-driver of New Haven, and the concert-saloon heiress of New York City, to secure companions on his trip to Europe.

—An employe at the Hazardville (Conn.) powder works, upon going into a storehouse where 100 open barrels of powder were waiting to be headed, put a pipe he was smoking in his pocket, as no smoking is allowed on the premises. He sat down on the edge of one of the barrels a few minutes, when he was called out to see a visitor. Arriving outside the door he discovered that his pipe had gone out, not having been extinguished. A moment more and the whole establishment would have been blown into atoms.

—Alexis thus expressed himself to a correspondent at Havana relative to his tour through the United States:

> If I had anything unpleasant to say, I should remain silent, and not answer your question, but my stay was so pleasant, and the people were so kind, that I can only say I could not have wished for more, and if I did not have my path in life laid out for me, I should like to live in America altogether, dividing my time from May to January between New York and the prairies, and spending the remainder in New Orleans. I may do that some day.

—Tallapoosa, Ala., boasts of a young lady who brought into town four weeks ago several bales of cotton; after selling them, she bought provisions and other necessaries to carrying on her farm this year. She hires her hands, overlooks the work, and manages the farm herself.

—A wealthy Terre Hautentot bought twenty-one stove-pipe hats at one time, and presented them to his friends.

—Last summer, Eben Choate, station-agent of the Chicago, Alton & St. Louis Railway at Girard, absconded with about $600 of the Company's money, but last week returned the full amount to the Company, through a friend.

—Fisk's chief groom and driver was Frank Hosmer, a well and very handsome colored man, who received $100 per month, and done a six-in-hand with perfect ease.

—Major Moderwell, of Geneseo, Ill., was shot through the stomach at a battle in Tennessee, and is one of six so wounded during the war who survived. The ball carried with it a gold pen, and the larger part of a silver pencil case, from the pocket. The Major has lately been seriously troubled with something resembling a boil on his neck, but was relieved by the expulsion of a piece of gold pen a quarter of an inch wide.

—A negro, near Andersonville, Ga., last Sunday, put his head on the railway track, in front of an advancing train, and could only be removed by an application of boiling water from the engine.

—John Lowry's curiosity to know what was in a certain bottle at a Brooklyn soap-factory resulted in his trying a mouthful of its contents, and dying in consequence. The bottle contained oil of bitter almonds, three drops of which will kill a man, but it is used extensively in perfuming almond soap. The bottle was not labelled "poison," neverthless the coroner's jury has been summoned to decide whether the soap-manufacturers are not accountable for Lowry's death, in not having labelled the bottle.

—The following notice was posted in front of the Erie Opera House on Tuesday:

> Pay no attention to orders from Gould or any of his hirelings. Underneath is some writing.
>
> If anybody hands down this notice, shoot him on the spot.

—Constable Dreifuss, of Montreal, who performs duty as policeman and emigration agent, speaks English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian fluently, and understands and speaks sufficient Spanish to be able to transact business with ease.

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Is there anything good to be said on this occasion? Yes. Here is the brief report of the Librarian of Congress, showing in every line energy in the service of literature and economy in the application of public money. He has $28,000 to his credit in the Treasury unfunched, made up of unexpended balances. He has, besides, turned over to the Treasury above $10,000 for copyright fees. During the past year, there were nearly 13,000 copyrights entered at the Library. The Librarian has put up 7,000 linear feet of shelves, and managed all the carriage and storage business of the place within a few dollars of the appropriation of $1,000 made more than a year ago. The Library now numbers nearly 240,000 volumes and 40,000 pamphlets; the Law Library alone has 28,000 volumes—one of the finest law collections in the world. During the year, this Library gobbled up 23,000 volumes which had been rusting in the loft of the Patent Office, and took about 4,000 volumes from the antiquated Smithsonian Institute; while the books purchased and received as the forfeit of copyright numbered 19,000, including, of course, pamphlets, musical compositions, maps, and whatever makes a book. The Librarian shows that his collection is fast outgrowing its quarters, and that ever if the old Hall of the House of Representatives is taken for books, that it also would be filled up in from three to five years. He recommends the purchase of the whole United States, numbering several hundred volumes in folio, are stored in a room inconvenient and inaccessible. Here is no bibliography or periodicals or reviews to be consulted; and within twenty years, at the present rate of progress, the collection will possess half a million tomes. Undoubtedly the time will arrive when the present Library of Congress will be simply a document-room, with a small consulting and law library if necessary, while the general collection will be set up in a more scholastic and less political atmosphere.

GATH.

PERSONAL.

The Lowell *Courier* calls General Sherman's visit to the Pope "a march to the Sea."

—The first organ built in America was constructed by Edward Bromfield, Jr., in Boston, in 1745.

—A lady at Bath, Me., has a bouquet of flowers which she picked from Napoleon's garden on the Island of St. Helena in 1869. Though no extra means have been taken, they are in a fine state of preservation.

—The poor Irishman of Penn Yan, N. Y., who inherited $23,000, is now searching for the retired stage-driver of Halifax, the wealthy car-driver of New Haven, and the concert-saloon heiress of New York City, to secure companions on his trip to Europe.

—An employe at the Hazardville (Conn.) powder works, upon going into a storehouse where 100 open barrels of powder were waiting to be headed, put a pipe he was smoking in his pocket, as no smoking is allowed on the premises. He sat down on the edge of one of the barrels a few minutes, when he was called out to see a visitor. Arriving outside the door he discovered that his pipe had gone out, not having been extinguished. A moment more and the whole establishment would have been blown into atoms.

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> If I had anything unpleasant to say, I should remain silent, and not answer your question, but my stay was so pleasant, and the people were so kind, that I can only say I could not have wished for more, and if I did not have my path in life laid out for me, I should like to live in America altogether, dividing my time from May to January between New York and the prairies, and spending the remainder in New Orleans. I may do that some day.

—Tallapoosa, Ala., boasts of a young lady who brought into town four weeks ago several bales of cotton; after selling them, she bought provisions and other necessaries to carrying on her farm this year. She hires her hands, overlooks the work, and manages the farm herself.

—A wealthy Terre Hautentot bought twenty-one stove-pipe hats at one time, and presented them to his friends.

—Last summer, Eben Choate, station-agent of the Chicago, Alton & St. Louis Railway at Girard, absconded with about $600 of the Company's money, but last week returned the full amount to the Company, through a friend.

—Fisk's chief groom and driver was Frank Hosmer, a well and very handsome colored man, who received $100 per month, and done a six-in-hand with perfect ease.

—Major Moderwell, of Geneseo, Ill., was shot through the stomach at a battle in Tennessee, and is one of six so wounded during the war who survived. The ball carried with it a gold pen, and the larger part of a silver pencil case, from the pocket. The Major has lately been seriously troubled with something resembling a boil on his neck, but was relieved by the expulsion of a piece of gold pen a quarter of an inch wide.

—A negro, near Andersonville, Ga., last Sunday, put his head on the railway track, in front of an advancing train, and could only be removed by an application of boiling water from the engine.

—John Lowry's curiosity to know what was in a certain bottle at a Brooklyn soap-factory resulted in his trying a mouthful of its contents, and dying in consequence. The bottle contained oil of bitter almonds, three drops of which will kill a man, but it is used extensively in perfuming almond soap. The bottle was not labelled "poison," neverthless the coroner's jury has been summoned to decide whether the soap-manufacturers are not accountable for Lowry's death, in not having labelled the bottle.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
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THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION,

which met here yesterday, has had few equals in this State in numbers, respectability, and truly representative character, especially when there was so little probability of a contest or any coveted offices to be awarded. Every Senate District had its two delegates, and there were but four Assembly Districts, all Democratic, unrepresented,—but about half a dozen of the others having two delegates. There were 230 delegates, while 266 was the highest number possible. There was a large representation of the foreign element, particularly the Norwegians and Germans. There were a few office-holders present, and some who had been displaced from office not long since. The Convention embraced all the elements of which the Republican party was made up. It is not to be denied that the sentiment of the delegates was strongly in favor of the renomination of President Grant, notwithstanding things connected with his Administration which fell below the standard of absolute perfection; and there was not a voice against the resolutions you have already published, endorsing his Administration, and recommending his renomination, and recommending his renomination, and recommending his renomination

SOCIETE INTERNATIONALE.

Celebration of Its Establishment by the Chicago Workingmen's Union.

Addresses by Prominent Members.

The Chicago Workingmen's Union celebrated the anniversary of the establishment of the *Societe Internationale*, yesterday afternoon. The Globe Theatre was the place of meeting, and about four hundred persons were present. On the stage were seated half-a-dozen men, officers of the society, one of whom had pinned to the lappel of his coat a piece of red ribbon about an inch square. Pendant from one of the gallery boxes was a red flag, with a white fringe, on which was inscribed in German and English, "Workingmen of all Nations Be United." The audience was composed solely of workingmen, well dressed and well-behaved.

The assemblage was called to order about half-past 3 o'clock by Mr. Zimpel, who assumed the Presidential chair, and stated the object of the meeting to be "the celebration of the anniversary of the establishment of Communism, the consecration of the last martyrs slain in the cause, and to become acquainted with their fellow-workingmen."

Mr. Carl Klings was introduced, and spoke in German. He gave a history of the Commune and justified the conduct of the Paris mob. The statements about their cruelty he pronounced false, said, were untrue, the circumstances had been exaggerated by the newspapers, so as to make them appear in a false light before the world. The Versailles Government murdered all the Communists they captured, and the hostages fell in the latter days, being killed in a moment of despair, when every hope of success had vanished. Only 147 houses had been burned in Paris, a portion being destroyed by the artillery of the Versaillists, and the others by the Communists, "as a matter for defence." The speaker closed by saying that the time for the capitalists purchased its influence to further their own interests, and to keep the workingman down. He alluded to the Franco-Prussian war, claiming that it was provoked by the ruling classes in order to get rid of the working men, who were becoming too strong and powerful.

Mr. Esar then addressed the meeting in Swedish, saying that when the Internationals ruled there would be peace on earth and good will toward all men.

Mr. Treiser was the next speaker. He said the Communists stood alone to work against capital and the press, but against working men, many of whom did not understand what the Internationals wanted, but knew their own interests. The Internationals desired that all men should get a fair and just price for their labor. It would not be many years before the principles of the society in the minds of all, but they would ultimately be successful. Opposition would soon cease to exist. The Paris Society could not be reformed at once, nor could the workingmen obtain their rights immediately, but they would become better and better every day, and learn to take care of their interests. They should know how to use their votes. He counselled them to combine the "noble principles" of the Union, and their children, if not they, would reap the reward.

Mr. Crouse invited all workingmen present to become members of the organization. He admonished them to study hard so as to be able to meet the arguments of educated people, who would not grant them justice if they had them on a ball in the hands of the politicians long enough, but should be so no more, as they had derived no benefit from the late election, and would hereafter proper influence in the legislative halls.

Mr. Thomas Watson was the next speaker. He said they were told much about freedom, and loving brothers and equals, but he considered that it was much easier to preach than to practice. That they had a right to be free was self-evident, but there were forms of slavery worse than that from which the black men had been released. Some were of white and some of black race, who spent their whole lives putting money into the pockets of a few, and were worse off in old age than in youth. He was a poor man himself, and knew what was, is this state of things to continue? If it was not, the workingmen should embrace the principles of the International, and join the Union. They intended to become sons of God, and did not propose to serve the devil any longer. There should be no more of white and black race, who spent their whole lives putting money into the pockets of a few, and were worse off in old age than in youth. He was a poor man himself, and knew what was, is this state of things to continue? If it was not, the workingmen should embrace the principles of the International, and join the Union. They intended to become sons of God, and did not propose to serve the devil any longer. There should be no more of white and black, but they were forms of slavery worse than that from which the black men had been released. Some were of white and some of